

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

(D.Min)

The D.Min programs are for all ministry professionals and church leaders who want to gain advanced biblical knowledge and expertise in ministry.

Purpose

The Doctor of Ministry is designed for Christian ministers who are actively engaged in local churches and para-church organizations to get them trained in biblical and theological rationale for contextual strategies, missions, ministry, and practical implications.

Vision

The vision is to see contextually relevant national leaders with Christ-like character, a deeper understanding of the nature and purpose of church and ministry, and appropriate skills to take their church and ministry to greater levels, fulfilling the Great Commission.

Design and Nature of the Program

Uniqueness

- a) The D.Min programme is a top-tier, professional degree program created for men and women who are already effectively practising ministry on a full-time basis. The focus of the degree is on conducting study within the context of practical ministry, which distinguishes it from a Ph.D.
- b) The M.Div or its equivalent degree's biblical, theological, and professional foundations serve as the basis for the D.Min, but the student gains from the integration of an array of practical experience gained through years of subsequent ministry.
- c) Through this program, Christian ministry leaders can become more successful in the church, para-church organization, or mission where they serve.

The Nature

- a) The course and project work frequently have an interdisciplinary focus and typically include practical tasks like writing and library research.
- b) Instead of a residential program, some of the program requirements must be completed in the candidate's ministry setting.

The Design

- a) The D.Min program has been structured in such a way that the candidate must attend seminars held on the main HBI premises twice a year.
- b) Each candidate will have to successfully complete a total of 44 credit hours:

- Two orientation courses (8 hours)
- Two foundational courses (8 hours)
- Four concentration courses (16 hours)
- A dissertation (12 hours)

Admission Requirements

A completed application form, testimony, personal references, and transcripts from all undergrad and graduate institutions previously attended are required of all applicants.

The following competencies must be proven by applicants:

- a) Excellent preaching abilities
- b) Knowledge of today's culture
- c) Understanding how to serve different groups in modern society
- d) Concern for and sensitivity to people's needs
- e) Administrative ability and
- f) Clear a personal interview

Academic Credentials

- a) A M. Div. degree accredited by the Asia Theological Association with a B+.
- b) A high second-class degree, or B+, in any other field that is equal to a Bachelor of Divinity from the Senate of Serampore.
- c) An MABS or MATUL degree, as well as any postgraduate degree.

Ministry Experience

5 years or more of ministry experience after receiving a master's degree in theology (M.Th).

(Certificate to be produced from the organization concerned)

Enrolment

Admission is available all year. The class will start in August or September.

Duration

The D.Min is a three-year curriculum. A maximum of two additional years may be provided if the guide recommends it and the doctoral committee approves it.