

Lancaster Theological Seminary
Doctor of Ministry Program

NON-CREDIT COMPONENTS OF D.MIN. DEGREE

Non-credit Components of the degree:

- Doctor of Ministry Spiritual Retreat: Once each academic year, it is required that D.Min. students at every level of the program gather for a spiritual retreat. The retreat is normally scheduled on the second Thursday of the fall semester and takes the place of one D.Min. Seminar day.
- Doctor of Ministry Symposium: Once each academic year, a Doctor of Ministry Symposium is scheduled for all students engaged in the D.Min. program. The Symposium recognize the contributions our doctoral students make to ministry, provides a context for the presentation of and feedback on the Major Projects by candidates preparing for spring graduation. Attendance at the Doctor of Ministry Symposium is required each year at every level of the program.
- Three gatherings are scheduled each year for students who have completed DSem I, II, and III. Students will provide an update on their Major Projects and offer one another mutual support. These are normally scheduled on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, the third Thursday of the spring semester, and the fourth Thursday in July. The fall and spring gatherings are mandatory; the summer gathering is optional.
- Requests to be excused from the Retreat, the Symposium, or the post-seminar gatherings must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Doctor of Ministry Committee. Unexcused absences will result in a review by the D.Min. Committee of the student's standing in the program.