

**Earned an accredited Master of Divinity degree or ministry related or religious studies master's degree** in an area related to the applicant's ministry setting or vocational calling. It is expected that such a master's degree will include the following core courses:

- **Bible** – 6 credits (2 courses)
  - 3 credits in Introduction to New Testament
  - 3 credits in Introduction to Old Testament / Hebrew Bible
- **Theology** – 6 credits (2 courses)
  - 3 credits in Theology
  - 3 credits in Ethics or a related elective
- **History of Christianity** – 3 credits (1 course)
- **Practical Theology** – 3 credits (1 course)
  - Including pastoral care, pastoral counseling, worship, preaching, religious education.

**Bring significant ministerial** experience (usually 3-5 years) that enables the applicant to engage as a ministry peer with other students in an advanced professional doctorate program.

**Possess the ability** to thoughtfully interpret scripture and the theological tradition of the applicant's ministry context.

**Ability to articulate** a self-understanding of his/her/their ministerial identity and vocational calling.

**Demonstrates the capacity** to understand and adapt his/her/their ministry to the cultural context of the applicant's ministry and vocational setting.

**Application materials** presented by the applicant indicate a readiness to engage in ongoing personal and spiritual formation to deepen the applicant's ministry and vocational calling.