Biblical Languages. Applicants to the MTh degree program must demonstrate advanced-level competence in either Greek or Hebrew as noted in the table above. The required competence may be demonstrated either by examination or by passing an advanced-level course in the chosen language with a grade of B or better.

Modern Languages. Applicants to the MTh degree program must demonstrate (either by examination or by class work—FREN505 or GRMN505) a reading ability in either French or German (unless the language is the student' s native and regularly used language).

Any language substitutions must be warranted by the student's program. Such substitutions require the approval of both the department chair in the area of emphasis and the MTh Program Director.

Students should complete the language prerequisites before beginning the program. If the prerequisites are not completed before the beginning of the second semester, the student is not permitted to continue his/her work in the program.

Applicants must also complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

Admission Procedure. Applicants must submit those items specified in the Graduate Programs Admission section of this bulletin on p. 47, and the general Seminary admission requirements on p. 331. In addition, they should submit transcripts of MDiv course work.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the scholarship standards in the Graduate Programs Academic Information section of this bulletin (p. 51), students must fulfill the following requirements for the MTh degree program:

- Complete a minimum of 32 credits (including 8 credits for thesis but not including language prerequisites) with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above.
- Take GSEM620 (to be done the first time the course is offered after enrollment in the program if the student has not previously taken this course or its equivalent).
- Select a major area of emphasis from among those listed above and complete 16 credits in that area.
- Select a cognate area from those listed above and complete 6–8 credits in this area which supports the area of emphasis.
- Take sufficient electives, if needed, to complete the 32-credit program.
- Take a 5- to 8-hour written comprehensive examination either toward the end of the student's final semester of course work or during the semester immediately following completion of course work. Normally, this examination is prepared by two faculty members from the department offering the area of emphasis (two sections totaling 75% of the examination) and a faculty member from the department offering the cognate area (one section constituting 25% of the examination). These examiners are appointed by the emphasis-area department: notification of the appointment is sent to the Program Director.
- Complete a 8-credit thesis.

If the student fails to pass the comprehensive examination, he/she is allowed to rewrite the section or sections failed (with new questions) after adequate time for preparation as determined by the chair of the department offering the major area of emphasis in consultation with the examiners. A failed examination may be retaken once. If the student fails a second time, he/she is asked to withdraw from the program.

A report of the examination results (and of any retake results) is sent by the department chair in the major area of emphasis to the MTh Program Director who notifies the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies of these results.

Thesis Requirements. All students seeking an MTh degree must
- Complete a 8-credit thesis. The program director, upon recommendation of the department chair in the student's major area of emphasis, appoints an MTh thesis committee consisting of two faculty members, normally from the department in the area of emphasis, to guide the student's preparation of a thesis. One of the two committee members is designated as the student's faculty adviser.
- Give evidence in the preparation of the thesis that he/she is capable of independent research using adequate sources. The thesis should demonstrate the student's skill and maturity of judgment in the discovery, organization, and evaluation of evidence. Procedures for writing a thesis are outlined under requirements for the MDiv degree in the Thesis Option section (p. 340). However, MTh students should register for 3 or more credits each term for at least two terms.
- Conduct a successful thesis defense. The defense is conducted by an MTh thesis defense committee consisting of the two faculty members who guided the thesis and another faculty member appointed by the Program Director. The director presides without voting at the defense. If the thesis is found unacceptable, the department of the student's major concentration decides whether the student may write another thesis.

The defense of the thesis occurs no later than four weeks before the degree is to be conferred. No defense is scheduled during the final two weeks of a term or when the university is not in session.

Students who have not finished the thesis after completing 8 thesis credits must register each semester for GSEM668 (no credit) until the thesis is defended successfully and final approval is received.

Transfer Credits. A maximum of 6 semester credits of post-MDiv academic work with grades of B (3.00) or above may be transferred from an approved seminary or university if applicable to the student's program. Transfer is authorized by the department offering the student's major area of emphasis with the approval of the MTh Program Director.

Time Limit. A student must complete the requirements for the MTh degree within six years of first enrolling in the program, regardless of admission classification. Transfer credits for which advanced standing is requested must have been taken within this time limit.

DMIN: DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Skip Bell, *Director*

Purpose

The purpose of the Doctor of Ministry program is to provide structured, rigorous, advanced training in ministry by equipping participants with needed competencies and leadership skills. The program engages qualified people in an active learning environment so that they may reach advanced levels of ministry effectiveness.

Program Description

The Doctor of Ministry program offers a professional degree for people who seek advanced competencies in evangelism, ministry and mission. The program enables people to grow within the framework of a Biblical model of leadership and to develop an Adventist perspective of evangelism, ministry, and mission. The program is normally offered to professionals who are in active ministry.

Course modules include teaching intensives at various North American and international sites. Concentrations are offered in Chaplaincy, Evangelism and Church Growth, Family Ministry, Global Mission Leadership, Leadership, Preaching, Urban Ministries, and Youth Ministry. Cohorts may be formed periodically for participants who prefer Spanish as the language of instruction.

Doctor of Ministry modules include intensive sessions taught by faculty teams that include seminary professors with appropriate academic expertise and professionals from the field with experience in evangelism, ministry and mission. Teaching methodology combines appropriate methods and technology with collegial dialogue to encourage a creative learning environment. Faculty aim to facilitate balanced spiritual, professional, and theological formation that affects the individual, the family, and the ministry group. Participants develop a deeper personal experience, which leads to a strengthening of their family life as well as a greater commitment to ministry. They learn to evaluate ministerial practices through theological reflection, which helps them establish a Biblical model of servant leadership. Graduates from the program will be able to use appropriate tools to analyze the needs of their churches and communities and develop and implement appropriate and effective ministries.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Doctor of Ministry program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Hold the Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent.
- Have a GPA of at least 3.25.
- Demonstrate high professional and personal potential for the gospel ministry.
- Have an equivalent of at least three years of experience in ministry subsequent to the first graduate theological degree.
- Supply satisfactory recommendations.
- Submit a 1500–2500 word double-spaced paper that discusses their personal spiritual journey and sets forth their purpose for seeking the Doctor of Ministry degree. The paper should manifest deep theological reflection and a familiarity with current literature in pastoral ministry.
- Applicants from other faiths may be accepted into the program, provided they meet admissions requirements and represent high moral integrity with a character, lifestyle, and spiritual commit-ment reflective of the ideals of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

Admission Procedure. Applicants must submit those items specified in the Graduate Program's section of this bulletin on p. 47 and in the Seminary admission requirements on pp. 331–333.

Advanced Standing

Students who have done post-MDiv work in an accredited theological seminary or graduate institution may be eligible to receive advanced standing provided the work is appropriate to the DMin program. The DMin committee determines the appropriateness and relevancy of such credits. Credits accepted for advanced standing may not exceed 25 percent of the total credits required for the DMin degree. Credits earned toward an MA or an MDiv degree are not considered for advanced standing.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the requirements listed in the Academic Policies section on p. 333, students must fulfill the following requirements for the DMin degree:

General Requirements	**16**
GSEM730 (2 cr), GSEM790 (2 cr) and 796 (6 cr); GSEM706 (6 cr)	
Other modules	**16**
TOTAL CREDITS for the DMin Degree	**32**

Students must also complete a graduate-level research course prior to GSEM790. This requirement is waived if the student can give evidence of having taken such a course prior to beginning the DMin program. A research course is available by distance education for DMin students to meet this prerequisite. Participants in the Family Ministry concentration satisfy this requirement with RLED776-01 Topics: Program Evaluation.

Financial Plans

Financial plans are available to assist NAD employees, international students, cohort groups, and others. Contact the DMin office for further information.

Modes of Delivery

In order to make the program accessible to church professionals, the professor contact portions of course modules are offered as intensives on-campus and at off-campus locations.

Residency Requirements

In order to fulfill residency requirements, extension students must take GSEM706 (6 cr) and GSEM790 at the Andrews University campus or at any other Andrews ATS-Association of Theological Schools-approved site.

Project Requirements

- Students should take GSEM790 (2 cr) in preparation for their project. A statement explaining the philosophy of a Doctor of Ministry project, including guidelines for its development and preparation, is provided when GSEM790 is taken. A project proposal must be submitted and accepted.
- The project, which should address a problem or issue directly relevant to the ministry of the contemporary church, is developed and implemented in an in-ministry situation. The approach of the project is normally developmental with formative evaluation. The project should be developed in close consultation with the student's adviser. Regulations governing the style and format of project documents are found in *Andrews University Standards for Written Work*.
- During the third and fourth years of the curricular program, candidates must register for GSEM796. If the project is still in progress after this time, the student must register for GSEM788 DMin Project Continuation (0 cr) and pay the doctoral project continuation fee for each additional semester.

- When students are unable to demonstrate adequate writing abilities they will be required to hire an editor at their expense.
- Students must pass an oral defense of the project designed to test the candidate's ability to integrate learning and the practice of ministry. The defense must be successfully completed no later than four weeks prior to graduation.
- In certain cases, a dissertation may be substituted for a project with permission from the Doctor of Ministry office.

Time Limits. DMin students must complete all courses and modules and successfully defend the project within six years from the time they begin course work. In special circumstances and upon written request, extensions may be granted for no more than an additional year. Tuition for continuation equal to one doctoral credit will be charged per semester in an extension year. When participants are dropped due to time limits course module credits are preserved, but project/dissertation courses must be retaken at cost should readmission be granted.

Project Process. For a detailed outline of the DMin project process, students should see the Guidelines for the Doctor of Ministry Project. A copy of this document is provided to students during the GSEM790 intensive. It can also be obtained from the Doctor of Ministry Web site: www.doctorofministry.com, or the DMin office.

Academic Supervision. The director of the DMin program acts as curriculum supervisor. The project adviser and a second reader are chosen by the student in consultation with the program director. Students should work closely with these persons to complete the project.

Courses and Modules   (Credits)

See inside front cover for symbol code.

All modules include teaching intensives which are generally two weeks in length.

The Project

GSEM730   (2)
Field Research for Ministry
Develops capacity to utilize information in the practice of ministry—congregational studies, systems analysis, program evaluation, structured experiments, surveys, focus groups, participant observer, action-research and community assessments. Introduces research process, ethics and design applied to practical issues of leading a congregation or faith-based organization.

GSEM788   (0)
DMin Project Continuation

GSEM790   (2)
DMin Project Seminar
Participants receive assistance in forming their DMin project proposal, and orientation to issues in successful completion of the project dissertation. Areas of focus include a literature review, research techniques, writing standards, developing an effective work plan for completion of their project, and other project-related topics. Prerequisite: a graduate-level research methods course.

GSEM796   (2–6)
DMin Project
A DMin project is a professional project that integrates theological reflection, scholarly research and practical ministry. The project contributes to the enhancement of ministry in the church.

GSEM789   (0)
DMin Program Continuation

CHMN/MSSN/RLED797   (1–8)
Independent Study
Available to students by permission of the program committee. Repeatable. A minimum of one meeting per month with the supervising professor is generally required. May be graded S/U.

Required Module

GSEM706   (6)
Spiritual and Theological Foundations for Ministry
This is a foundational module required of all DMin students. The module builds the spiritual and theological basis from which the practice of ministry and mission grows and seeks to lead the student into a self reflection and examination of life and belief.

Chaplaincy Concentration

CHMN775   (5)
Foundations of Chaplaincy Ministry
This module examines the biblical and theological foundations for chaplaincy ministry. Participants investigate the history and development of chaplaincy ministry, and its role and function within the mission and life of the church and community. Issues in ethics are explored to advance professional development. Emphasis on personal spiritual formation continues.

CHMN785   (5)
Professional Formation in Chaplaincy Ministry
The primary emphasis in this module is the professional development of the chaplain. Participants examine leadership issues specific to chaplaincy, management, human development, group theory, and organizational theory. Specific modalities of ministry in the chaplaincy context will be examined and developed. Emphasis on personal spiritual formation continues.

Evangelism and Church Growth Concentration

CHMN719   (6)
Perspectives on Mission and Church Growth Strategies
Provides both reflection and practice in the following areas: 1) the core value and centrality of evangelism in the mission and life of the local church; 2) ministry-embedded integration of theory and practice within a biblical theology of mission; 3) creating a culture of year-around evangelism; 4) church growth principles; 5) reaching secular people; and 6) church planting as evangelistic strategy.

CHMN767   (5)
Formation of Evangelistic Strategy
Provides reflection and experience in contemporary personal, public and media evangelistic strategies as a basis for effective evangelistic leadership. Biblical and practical foundations for empowering people for ministry as well as factors and strategies for cell church growth are experienced. Prerequisite: CHMN719.

CHMN789 **(5)**
The Missional Church
This module identifies and examines the characteristics of the missional church. Biblical faithfulness in discipleship and mission priority on the congregational level are further examined. Case studies of successful contemporary models for local church evangelism are explored.

Family Ministry Concentration

Each summer two intensives in the Family Ministry Concentration are offered. Prerequisite: EDPC520 Psychological Development Life Span or equivalent.

RLED720 **(1)**
Professional Development
Represents student initiatives for developing sustainable habits of scholarship including such things as attendance at special-event lectures, and professional conferences, reading professional or scholarly journals; and maintaining a vibrant spiritual life. DG will be given until experiences are documented in the portfolio. Graded S/U.

RLED755 **(3)**
Families in Society
An exploration of issues germane to family life education, and the mission and methods of family ministry within a leadership perspective.

RLED757 **(3)**
Family Law and Public Policy
An exploration of issues which identify social problems affecting families and how family law and public policies relate to social services for children and families.

RLED758 **(3)**
Internal Dynamics of Families
A study of family systems theory with applications to issues in internal family dynamics and in congregational dynamics as a family system.

RLED759 **(3)**
Human Sexuality
An understanding of, and skill development in, interpersonal relationships and a study of human social conduct with emphasis on congregational life. Also studies the physiological, psychological, emotional, and social aspects of human sexuality and the Christian response to this God-given gift. Examines measures for preventing clergy sexual misconduct.

RLED779 **(3)**
Parenting Education and Guidance
Examine the changing roles and responsibilities of parents; child-rearing practices, including spiritual nurture of children; safety and protection for children; diverse parenting situations; decision making about parenthood. Develop skills in parenting education, integrating a Christocentric purview.

Global Mission Leadership Concentration

MSSN731, 732 **(4, 4)**
Cultural and Religious Analysis—I, II
Using the tools of cultural, social, anthropological, and religious analysis, the specific context and challenges of mission will be analyzed and described in depth as a basis for ministry. The course content will be shaped to fit the local situation.

MSSN741, 742 **(4, 4)**
Mission Strategy Development—I, II
Study of contemporary strategies of mission as a framework and foundation for the development and practice of a ministry plan within specific contexts. The role of leadership in this process is highlighted. Prerequisite: MSSN731, 732 Cultural and Religious Analysis.

Health Care Chaplaincy Concentration

CHMN786 **(6)**
Clinical Issues in Care and Counseling
This module covers instruction in theory and clinical skills within the context of spiritual care. It provides education in the following specialty areas: psychological and spiritual assessment, grief recovery, trauma, conflict resolution, and specific processes of disease such as HIV/AIDs, cancer, disability, and mental health issues.

CHMN787 **(5)**
Theory & Research in Chaplaincy
This module covers current research on spirituality and health as well as the theological understanding of spiritual care within the clinical context. The theoretical framework for this module is based on psychological, sociological, and theological literature. This module also explores methods that will enable participants to have a better understanding of the lived experience of the people to whom they minister.

CHMN788 **(5)**
Professional Practice in Chaplaincy
This module promotes integration within the institutional life through professional interdisciplinary areas. It explores the various leadership roles and functions involved in chaplaincy and includes professional conduct, leadership ethics, interdisciplinary consultation, and interdepartmental relations. The issue of how to conduct workshops and organize support groups is also addressed in this module.

Leadership Concentration

CHMN747 **(6)**
Christian Leadership
This module investigates principles, challenges, and practices of Christian leadership, emphasizing issues that make leadership in the context of church, education, and non-profit service organizations unique. Participants examine leadership theory and literature, consider a theology of leadership, and build the foundation for leadership development in the context of professional ministry.

CHMN760 **(5)**
Advanced Leadership Competencies
Participants continue personal and theological reflection with integration of leadership principles. Systems thinking, organizational culture, human development theory, and ecclesiology are investigated in the context of the church and leadership. The module also pursues further development and application of essential leadership practices. Practical focus on administrative skills is initiated. Prerequisite: CHMN747 Leadership and Church Management.

CHMN780 (5)
Leading and Managing the Church Organization
Local churches and denominational organizations present challenges in leadership, management, and administration. This module combines previous requirements of the Doctor of Ministry leadership concentration and an informed foundation of biblical leadership to help participants excel in skills like strategic planning, managing change, team building, resource management, communication, mentoring, and coaching.

Preaching Concentration

CHMN716 (6)
The Preacher, the Audience, and the Message
Participants will develop a personal, biblically-based theology of preaching in the worship context. Use of scripture, communication theory, and cognitive psychology to connect with contemporary audiences, and diverse preaching expressions, including the African-American context, will be examined. Includes advanced work in the area of hermeneutics, exposition, contextualization, and sermon design.

CHMN748 (5)
Preaching the Literary Forms of the Bible
Expository preaching from biblical literature, including historical narrative, NT epistles, and apocalyptic. Special attention will be given to the skill of storytelling and how stories are processed by the human mind. Includes collegial and inductive reflection on the unique challenges and opportunities within epistolary and apocalyptic biblical texts.

Urban Ministries Concentration

CHMN769 (5)
Strategic Planning for Urban Community Development
An in-depth study of key biblical, theological and contemporary models of community-based ministry. Includes an emphasis on strategic planning that leads to economic and community development.

CHMN776 (5)
Leadership and Urban Church Management
This course investigates principles, challenges, and practices of Christian leadership with special emphasis on the urban context. It includes theological reflection, exploration of leadership roles, and practical insights.

CHMN778 (6)
Church Growth and Discipleship in the Urban Church
An examination of principles for expanding the Kingdom of God in the Urban context. The course aspires to help students develop and assess church growth and disciple-making strategies for the urban church from a biblical perspective. A study of effective historical and contemporary models is included.

Youth Ministry Concentration

CHMN720 (6)
Current Issues in Youth Ministry
Students study selected issues in youth ministry, including adolescent development, inter-generational relationships, and the challenges of popular culture. They learn how to build specialized approaches in youth ministry.

CHMN765 (5)
Advanced Youth Ministry
Builds on a knowledge of youth ministry and advances to a greater depth in such areas as: understanding youth culture, youth evangelism, small groups in youth ministry, sexuality, music, camping, short-term mission, writing grant proposals, risk management, contemporary worship, and reclaiming missing youth.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Mission
The Religious Education Programs prepare men and women to fulfill the teaching and discipling mandates of the gospel commission.

Programs
The Religious Education programs offer studies leading to the Master of Arts: Religious Education degree and the Doctor of Philosophy: Religious Education degree. Each graduate will have a biblical knowledge base, an understanding of Christian spiritual formation and nurture, and pedagogical skills to serve in a specialized area of teaching ministry for either the formal (school) or non-formal (church and family) setting.

Religious Education prepares pastor-teachers for leadership roles in settings where religious, moral, and spiritual nurture and growth are primary concerns. Areas of emphasis in Religious Education include family life education, campus spiritual leadership, denominational certification for secondary religion teaching, and other options customized by the student in consultation with an advisor. The degrees are interdisciplinary and offer students considerable flexibility.

In addition to the area of emphasis, the core requirements focus on facilitating the development of the graduate as a
• Christian Apologist
• Pastor-Teacher
• Servant Leader
• Researcher-Evaluator
• Maturing Christian
• Lifelong Scholar

Each of these roles includes a number of competencies that serve as guides to students in designing their programs of study and choosing their courses. Students generally meet the competencies by satisfactorily completing the core courses and emphasis area electives in the curriculum. A course plan is prepared by each student in consultation with his or her Religious Education advisor. Well-planned choices help to ensure that competencies are met at levels appropriate for the degree pursued.

All course work is campus-based and supported by online resources. Where warranted, students may fulfill program competencies by portfolio presentation.

Graduate Certificates in Religious Education
A graduate certificate program is a focused group of courses with a coherent knowledge base in one field of specialization. Courses in the program are regular graduate courses that are fully transferable