

## Doctor of Ministry

The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago is committed to the task of forming pastors, theological educators, lay professionals and other visionary leaders for the work of revitalizing the church as it seeks to transform the world. LSTC understands that this is an ongoing process that continues throughout the ministry of those leaders. LSTC provides two doctor of ministry programs through partnerships with other seminaries. The D.Min. in Preaching involves six other Chicago seminaries in addition to LSTC. The seminary offers the Ecumenical D.Min. with concentrations in cross-cultural ministries, liturgy, spirituality, educating for witness, and Hispanic Theology and Ministry in collaboration with two other Hyde Park seminaries.

### Doctor of Ministry in Preaching

The ACTS Doctor of Ministry in Preaching is a joint program of seven member seminaries of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS): Chicago Theological Seminary, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, McCormick Theological Seminary, North Park Theological Seminary, Northern Seminary, and Seabury Western Theological Seminary. Participants apply to the program through any of the participating seminaries and the seminary through which one enters is also the degree-granting school. The program admits a maximum class of 32 participants across schools.

The ACTS D.Min. in Preaching program is a three-year program. During each year, participants spend three weeks during the summer in residence in Chicago, taking courses, engaging in colloquies related to parish projects, developing their thesis subjects, and other program topics.

#### Year One

In the first year of the program, participants complete a summer residency consisting of two courses and one colloquy during their three weeks in Chicago. The required course is “Preaching as Interpretation” and participants also select one elective. The colloquy focuses on diagnostic evaluation and the creation of the parish project. During the academic year and between the first and second summers, participants complete a parish project in their place of ministry in conjunction with persons in their ministry site.

#### Year Two

During the second year, participants again complete a summer residency consisting of two courses and one colloquy during their three weeks in Chicago. The core course is “Preaching as Performance” and participants also select one elective. The colloquy serves to develop learning goals for the program, design parish courses, initiate the thesis subject, and examine the sermon preparation process. During the academic year and between the second and third summers, participants complete another parish project in their place of ministry in conjunction with persons in their ministry site.

### Year Three

During the third year, participants complete the last three-week summer residency in Chicago. The core course is “Preaching as Social Transformation” and participants also select one elective. The colloquy continues the objectives of the two previous summers. Participants then complete a thesis during the year following the third residency.

### Awarding of the Degree

The seminary awards the D.Min. degree to those candidates who fulfill the requirements of the program and have made full payment of all financial obligations including any to JKM Library and other ACTS schools that have provided services.

### Admission

Application forms and other information about the D.Min. in Preaching Program are available by contacting:

ACTS D.Min. in  
Preaching Program  
5460 S. University  
Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60615  
773-947-6270  
[actspreaching@mccormick.edu](mailto:actspreaching@mccormick.edu)



Applications are also available for downloading at [www.actsdminpreaching.org](http://www.actsdminpreaching.org)

Completed applications for the program should be sent to LSTC’s Doctor of Ministry office.

Prerequisites for admission to this program are an M.Div. degree or its equivalent from an accredited theological school (with a B average), at least three years of full-time pastoral experience, and recommendations from both the governing board and a preaching assessment committee of the applicant’s current ministry context.

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The applicant must submit a completed application form, transcripts of graduate theological studies and any other graduate work, the statements of assessment, and a non-refundable \$50 application fee to the doctor of ministry office by January 31 of the entering year. The seminary's doctor of ministry committee reviews all applications and forwards its recommendation to the D.Min in preaching program committee, which includes representatives from each of the participating seminaries. The program committee makes entrance decisions before March 1.

### **Tuition and Fees**

Information about current tuition and fees is available in the costs of seminary education section on page 99.

### **Further Information**

The ACTS D.Min. in Preaching is administered by the program coordinator, whose office is located at 5460 S. University Ave., Chicago, IL 60615. Further information about the program is available by writing to the coordinator or by calling 773-947-6270.



## **Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry**

The Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry program, with concentrations in cross-cultural studies, liturgy, spirituality, and educating for witness is sponsored by the Catholic Theological Union, the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and McCormick Theological Seminary. Concentrations enable participants to advance the integration of their knowledge and skills in specific ministry areas. Students apply and may matriculate through any of the three participating seminaries, which would be the degree-granting school.

### **Cross-cultural Studies Concentration**

This concentration is for persons who already have experience in cross-cultural ministry who are not members of the culture in which they serve or are ministering in a minority culture. In the latter case the minister may or may not be a member of that same minority culture. Degree work helps students develop tools for analyzing cultures, communicating across cultural boundaries, and using differing styles of leadership appropriate to living on cultural boundaries.

### **Liturgy Concentration**

This concentration is for persons who already have experience in liturgical ministries. It is designed to enable students to make the entire worship event more effective. By combining historical and systematic studies with emerging pastoral methods students will learn to construct worship in light of liturgical traditions and to assess the effectiveness of worship in particular communities.

### **Spirituality Concentration**

The concentration in spirituality is designed to enhance the reflective and pastoral skills of those whose wish to foster spiritual development through leadership within Christian communities. The concentration emphasizes the leader's growth in theological, historical, and cross-cultural awareness as well as in pastoral expertise.

### **Educating for Witness Concentration**

This concentration is designed for those who assume leadership in educating believers both in the knowledge and in the practice of their faith. It combines religious education, communications, proclamation, what Roman Catholics call "evangelization" and catechesis with the study of key religious values and practices (e.g., peace-building, the promotion of justice, etc.). The concentration invites students to consider together such key values and practices side by side with the strategic means for forming people in these values and practices.

### **Program Requirements**

The Ecumenical D.Min. program consists of 10 course credits distributed as follows:

- core colloquia (2 course credits)
- electives in the concentration (4 course credits)
- electives outside the concentration (2 course credits)
- D.Min. thesis-project (2 course credits)

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The minimum time to complete the course work is one academic year plus a one-week August intensive. The entire program, including thesis-project, ordinarily is completed in not less than two years and not more than five years.

### **Admission**

The Office of the Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry program coordinates admission to this program. Application forms and other information are available by contacting the director at:

*Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernández  
Catholic Theological Union  
5401 S. Cornell Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60615  
(773) 371-5466  
cnanko@ctu.edu*

Completed applications for the program should also be sent to this address.

### ***Requirements for Acceptance and Application Process***

Prerequisites for admission to this program through LSTC are an M.Div. degree or its equivalent from an accredited theological school (with a B average) and five years of full-time ministry experience in the area of concentration. In addition, the applicant must obtain a letter of recommendation from an ecclesiastical superior who can evaluate his/her ministry experience, someone qualified to comment on the applicant's academic record, and a peer in ministry.

Applicants must submit a completed application form and other required documents to the Ecumenical D.Min. program office by April 15 of the entering year. That office forwards the applications to the LSTC D.Min. office. The seminary's doctor of ministry committee reviews them and sends its recommendations back to the Ecumenical D.Min. program office.

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### **Further Information**

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