

# Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)

The Doctor of Ministry professional degree recognizes the vital work that an effective leader can contribute to the transformation and sustenance of communities. Graduates of the NBTS D.Min. program will be authorities in their chosen concentrations, well prepared to make significant contributions that result in powerful and effective change. NBTS currently offers three D.Min. degree concentrations.

*Our mission is simple: to inform, inspire, positively shape and enhance the work of reflective practitioners who desire to engage, assess, and advance their spiritual formation, knowledge base, and ability to be a transformative ministerial presence in and for the communities they serve.*

## Metro-Urban Ministry

The Doctor of Ministry in Metro-Urban Ministry is designed for ministers with a heart for the city and a commitment to learning about and engaging the challenges of urban landscapes. This D.Min. concentration nurtures a theological understanding for encountering, engaging and enhancing the complex work of ministers called to urban settings and the lives of the city dwellers they seek to serve. The D.Min. Metro-Urban Ministry concentration nurtures a theological understanding of the life and work of the church in urban communities. Through a learning process that deepens theological astuteness and sharpens ministerial skills, graduates are able to develop and lead ministries of measurably increased discernment, empowerment, collaboration and transformation. This concentration is offered in collaboration with Rutgers University’s Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy.

DURATION	FORMAT	CAMPUS	TIME	PRIOR DEGREE	APPLICATION DEADLINE
3 Years	1 week intensives 3x year; Cohort meetings; Online work	NJ	Cohorts meet in October, January, & May	M. Div.	July 30

## Cohort Format

The cohort will meet online in eleven-week trimesters and will include six one-week intensive urban encounters in:

- New Brunswick, NJ / New York City
- Schenectady, NY
- Washington, D.C.

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#### Curriculum Overview

##### Year One

- Framing a Theology of Metro-Urban Ministry and Your Project Idea
- Biblical Reflections on Cities: From Ancient Israel to the First Century Church
- Christian Ethics, Diversity, and Intersectionalities in Urban America
- Seeking Justice in the City: Politics and Ministry in the Public Square
- You, Your Church and Your Community: Assessing the Urban Landscape
- Financial Approaches for Ministry Excellence and Cooperative Urban Economic Development

##### Year Two

- Sexuality Education for the Urban Minister
- Seminar on Research Methods and Proposal Development
- Urban Land Use, Policy Planning and Ministry
- Media Training for the Urban Minister
- Pastoral Care and Contemporary Issues in Urban Ministry
- Immigration, Migration and Cultural Dimensions of Urban Ministry

##### Year Three

- Final Dissertation /Project

#### Admissions Requirements

- A Master of Divinity degree (or its equivalent) from an accredited institution. An official transcript of the M.Div. (or its equivalent) program, with a 3.0 grade point average or above plus a demonstrated capacity or potential for both an advanced level of academic research and writing.
- Evidence of at least three years of experience in a ministry setting (a congregation or agency).
- Two letters of recommendation, including one that expresses support and participation in the doctoral program from your official board or other ministry context, and one from a colleague who is familiar with your work.
- A critical essay.
- Photo ID (state issued drivers license, state identification card, or Passport) to verify identity.

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