

Professional Doctoral Programs

Course Descriptions and Specializations

Specializations

Apologetics
 Biblical Studies
 Church Health
 Church History
 Church Planting
 Church Revitalization
 Discipleship and Spiritual Formation
 Educational Ministry Leadership
 Evangelistic Church Growth
 Executive Administration
 Expository Preaching*

Intercultural Studies
 Ministry to Women
 Next Generation Ministries
 Pastoral Counseling
 Pastoral Ministry
 Strategic Leadership
 Worship Leadership
 Customized
 Generalist
 Korean Ministry**

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| PDWS8201 Program Overview and Research Writing Workshop This workshop is an overview of the Professional Doctoral Programs and an introduction to research writing. It is designed to guide students into intentionally planning their entire program and to orient them to research/writing skills in preparation for their remaining seminar work and the project in ministry. This workshop must be taken during a student's first semester on campus. | |
| PDWS8202 Mid-Career Assessment Workshop This workshop provides an assessment of the minister's leadership style, personality, interpersonal relationship skills, spiritual vitality, family relationships, and character utilizing psychometric tools and classroom activities for the purpose of affirming strengths and improving weaknesses. | |
| PDWS8203 Project in Ministry Design Workshop (2 hours) This workshop offers the student guidance in designing a defensible preliminary proposal for a worthy professional doctoral project. This workshop is offered each semester and is concerned principally with conceptualizing and designing the project, discovering resources, and determining methods and evaluative procedures. Because of the significant work involved in writing a project proposal, students cannot take more than two on-campus seminars in addition to this workshop in the same semester. Each student is encouraged to take this workshop at the New Orleans campus and should remain on campus throughout the week the workshop meets in order to fulfill requirements, utilize the library, and receive personal guidance from the course professors and his or her Project Mentor. | |

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| Biblical Studies Seminars | |
| BSBT8301 Biblical Theology This course explores the grand narrative of Scripture both in terms of the entirety of the canonical witness and the individual testaments, genres, and books which comprise the canon. Attention is given to identifying thematic/intertextual connections throughout the canon and how they work together to form the narrative of redemptive history. | Apologetics Biblical Studies Worship Leadership |
| BSDS8300 Specialized Directed Study in Biblical Studies This is an independent study seminar in the area of biblical studies designed at the request of a student to address some specific area related to his or her specialization or project in ministry. Content and structure are designed in conjunction with an elected faculty member who agrees to supervise the seminar. In addition to assigned readings and research, the seminar may require participation in and reflection on a conference, training event, or ministry experience. Some online components may be utilized to enrich the experience. All directed study proposals must be approved by the respective professor and then the Associate Dean of Professional Doctoral Programs prior to registration. | Biblical Studies |
| BSNT8301 Expository Preaching from the New Testament This seminar centers on preparing expository sermons and deriving homiletical values from selected portions of the New Testament. The work is aimed at providing a model upon which students can establish an effective life-discipline of study and sermon preparation. The exegetical part is normally taught by a New Testament professor and the expository section by a preaching professor. This course may be repeated as long as a different New Testament text is being studied. | Biblical Studies Expository Preaching Pastoral Ministry |
| BSNT8302 Exegetical Studies in the New Testament This seminar offers a practical study of selected portions of the New Testament. The focus is development and use of a sound method of biblical interpretation as a source for responsible exegesis, with the results being applied to the demands of ministry in the contemporary setting. This course may be repeated as long as a different New Testament text is being studied. | Biblical Studies Expository Preaching |
| BSNT8303 Advanced Use of Logos Technology for Biblical Exegesis and Sermon Preparation This seminar engages students in advanced-level exegesis, focusing on the use of current Logos Software Technology for exegesis of a selected Bible book. The course will utilize basic to advanced functions of Logos Bible Software as a tool for biblical exegesis and sermon preparation. | Biblical Studies Expository Preaching Pastoral Ministry |
| BSOT8300 Old Testament Foundations This course introduces the content and major interpretive issues of the OT via its three main divisions of Law, Prophets, and Writings. The course covers literary, historical, and theological contexts as well hermeneutical principles related to reading the OT genres of Narrative, Law, Wisdom, Poetry, and Prophecy. | Biblical Studies Expository Preaching |

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Counseling Ministries Seminars

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| CCPS8301 Pastoral Counseling The purpose of this seminar is to lead students to develop an understanding of the skills essential for successful counseling relationship building and the principles of effective pastoral counseling techniques. Seminar participants will demonstrate understanding of the scope of pastoral counseling and skills necessary to an effective counseling ministry through assessment of case studies, role playing of counseling sessions, and study of verbatims of actual counseling sessions. | Pastoral Counseling Pastoral Ministry |
| CCPS8302 Pastoral Counseling for Marriages and Families The purpose of this seminar is to enable students to develop broad knowledge of the marriage relationship, to develop knowledge of current family life demographics, to study healthy and dysfunctional families, to guide students in an understanding of the characteristics of a healthy marital relationship and in the application of principles to provide lasting change in marriages and families in the church, as well as understand and apply basic helping techniques to families in crisis. Students may study a variety of leading contemporary theories of marriage and pre-marriage therapy from a systematic approach. Emphasis is placed on mastery of the techniques used in marital and pre-marital pastoral counseling. Students will develop a personal model of marriage and pre-marriage pastoral counseling including assessment, treatment planning, interventions, and follow-up. | Pastoral Counseling |
| CHMN8301 Life Issues and Ministry Practice This seminar will address critical age group, family, and life needs and issues. Ministry models will be developed to meet particular needs and issues of each age group and family lifestyle. | Church Revitalization Discipleship & Spiritual Formation Executive Administration Pastoral Counseling Pastoral Ministry |

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| PATH8306 Interpersonal Relationship Skills This seminar is designed to survey major interpersonal relationship skills needed by the minister in the following areas: intrapersonal, marriage and family, staff, church, and community. Special attention is given to self-evaluation. Projects for improving interpersonal relationship skills will be developed and evaluated. Topics include listening skills, assertion skills, conflict resolution skills, collaborative problem-solving skills, and skill selection. | Church Health Church Revitalization Discipleship & Spiritual Formation Evangelistic Church Growth Executive Administration Pastoral Counseling Strategic Leadership Worship Leadership |
| CCSW8304 Ministering to Persons in Crisis The purpose of the seminar is to equip ministers to actively assist persons in crisis. Among the crises that will be addressed are divorce, death, child abuse, neglect, adoption, children with special needs, miscarriages, infertility, abortion, drug abuse, domestic violence, alcoholism, substance abuse, and addictions. | Church Planting Pastoral Counseling Pastoral Ministry Strategic Leadership |
| CCSW8305 Essential Grief Ministry Skills (3 hours) The seminar is designed to survey major ministerial skills needed by the ministry/educator when ministering to grievers across the life span. Special attention will be given to self-evaluation of present skills and to the enhancement and development of skills in this specific area. Proper ministerial response to a wide variety of grief topics and situations will be explored. | Pastoral Counseling Pastoral Ministry |

Church Ministries Seminars

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| CEAD8301 Leading and Discipling Adults Students will investigate current trends and challenges in the education of and ministry to adults in local churches, specific ministry situations, and the denomination. Specific attention will be given to special populations of adults such as single adults and senior adults, as well as men's and women's ministries. Seminar sessions will examine current learning theory related to the education of adults and the impact of generational theory on adult ministry in the local church. Denominational leaders may be invited to lead selected seminar sessions. An evaluation tool will be developed by seminar participants for use in examining their adult education programs, processes, and ministries in local churches, ministry situations, and the denomination and for implementing new structures to strengthen the ministry. | Educational Ministry Leadership |
| CEAD8302 Strategies and Models for Family Ministry Students will survey family ministry to investigate concerns involved in family living. The role of family life education and ministry development in the local church in addressing these needs are stressed. Special attention is given to current literature in the field. Family ministry projects will be developed and evaluated. | Educational Ministry Leadership Next Generation Ministries |
| CEAD8304 College Ministry Students will research and evaluate ministry to college students in various settings. The profile of the emerging adult, the particular context of ministry to collegians and emerging trends in young adult ministry are investigated. The qualifications, preparation, commitment, relationships, and responsibilities of church and campus leadership are considered. Basic principles underlying program development, leadership training, and administration of staff, student center and budget are explored. | Next Generation Ministries |

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| CEAD8305 Ministry to Young Adults Students will explore and evaluate generational characteristics, values and lifestyles and their influence on strategies and methods for reaching, leading, teaching, and ministering to young adults. Young adult responses to organizational design and leadership styles will be considered. | Next Generation Ministries |
| CEAM8301 Leadership Styles in Ministry In this seminar students will examine leadership principles and organizational theory in the context of local church ministry. Application of theory to the local church setting will be made. Also can be taken as PMLS8305. | Educational Ministry Leadership Executive Administration Strategic Leadership Worship Leadership |
| CEAM8302 Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management The purpose of this seminar is to address the issues and implications of conflict resolution and crisis management in congregations and ministry organizations. Utilizing biblical principles, textbook analyses, case studies, and role plays, students will examine conflict intensity levels, determine best practices, enhance leadership skills, and develop strategic actions related to conflict resolution and crisis management in churches and ministry contexts. Also can be taken as PMLS8304. | Church Health Church Revitalization Evangelistic Church Growth Executive Administration Pastoral Counseling Pastoral Ministry (required) Strategic Leadership Worship Leadership |
| CEAM8303 Building and Managing an Effective Organization Students will increase understanding of church structure, diagnosing ministry effectiveness, and managing organizational change. Students will exercise critical skills necessary to increase the effectiveness of churches and manage church organizational design as well as the values, beliefs, and attitudes of its participants. | Church Health; Church Revitalization Educational Ministry Leadership Executive Administration Strategic Leadership Worship Leadership |
| CEAM8304 Creating a Winning Team In this leadership seminar students will identify characteristics of successful teams in local churches and other ministry situations. Students will address critical components, necessary leadership styles, communication and other team building strategies, and barriers to effective teamwork in ministry situations. Students will utilize an assessment instrument to analyze the dynamics of their own ministry teams. | Educational Ministry Leadership Executive Administration Strategic Leadership |
| CEAM8305 Strategic Church Development through Christian Education Students will explore and evaluate the delivery of Christian education in a local church context in order to foster strategic church development. Both traditional and contemporary Christian education methods for all age groups will be studied. Specific attention will be given to both Sunday School and small groups as agents of Christian education. | Church Health Educational Ministry Leadership Executive Administration Evangelistic Church Growth |
| CEAM8306 Risk Management and Church Policy Churches face an increasingly complex system of rules and regulations imposed by the courts, the government, and common sense. Church leaders will learn to navigate the waters of risk management and establish sound church practices. Risk management describes the process of protecting the persons in the church and the church itself from problems in areas such as insurance, property management, safety, paid and volunteer staff screening and training, contracts, policies, and vehicle liability. Church leaders will identify risk areas prior to a loss or tragedy and establish and implement processes for risk management. | Educational Ministry Leadership Executive Administration |

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| CECH8301 Ministering to Children in Crisis Students will develop appropriate skills for ministry to preschoolers and children in crisis. Among the crises to be explored are death, divorce, chronic or terminal illness, bullying, abuse, neglect, and violence. | Next Generation Ministries Pastoral Counseling |
| CECH8302 Spiritual Formation in Childhood Students will gain an understanding of the process of spiritual formation in children and the responsibilities of parents and the community of faith in spiritual formation. | Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Educational Ministry Leadership Next Generation Ministries |
| CEDI8301 Spiritual Formation of the Minister This seminar delineates the sources, character, and dynamics of the spiritual formation of the Christian minister. Formation is viewed as a foundational ministry and as a reciprocal responsibility of pastor and congregation. It is vitally related to the quality of the congregation's worship and service and the integrity of the pastor's prophetic awareness. Combining trenchant analyses of contemporary religion and culture with insights and directives from Scripture and the classics of Christian devotion, the study sets forth the classical spiritual disciplines as essential ingredients of authentic formation. The seminar constitutes an urgent call for spiritual maturity in Christian ministry and provides clear directives for achieving it. Also can be taken as THCH8301. | Church Planting Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Educational Ministry Leadership |
| CEDI8305 - Developing a Disciple-Making Strategy for a Healthy, Growing Church The Professional Doctoral seminar is designed to address the issue of discipleship development in the contemporary Church. Emphasis will be placed on identifying biblical descriptions of a disciple and strategies for making disciples. Students will discover, analyze, and develop tools to evaluate the various stages of disciple development in their churches and produce a strategy for moving people to the next step. Students will engage in research, development, testing, administering and interpreting an assessment instrument, book reviews, strategy planning, and creative presentation. Also, can be taken as PME8305. | Church Health; Church Revitalization Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Educational Ministry Leadership Evangelistic Church Growth Intercultural Studies Ministry to Women Next Generational Ministries Pastoral Ministry |
| CEDS8300 Specialized Directed Study in Christian Education This independent study seminar in the area of Christian Education is designed at the request of a student to address some specific area related to his or her specialization or project in ministry. Content and structure are designed in conjunction with an elected faculty member who agrees to supervise the seminar. In addition to assigned readings and research, the seminar may require participation in and reflection on a conference, training event, or ministry experience. All directed study proposals must be approved by the respective professor and then the Associate Dean of Professional Doctoral Programs prior to registration. | |
| CEEF8300 Instructional Theory and Curriculum Design This course guides students to understand learning theory, comprehend curriculum design principles, and apply advanced teaching practices. Students will be expected to write lesson plans, evaluate curriculum and articulate a curriculum mapping strategy. Students will be expected to examine and apply advanced pedagogical and andragogical practices. | |
| CEEF8301 Perspectives in Contemporary Educational Ministry Students will explore historical, philosophical, and cultural perspectives relevant to contemporary educational ministry. Students will map the history of Christian education in order to forecast future directions. Students will be expected to articulate foundational philosophies and their impact on contemporary Christian education approaches. Students will identify and distinguish current cultural trends and their impact on educational ministry in the local church. Students will write a personal philosophy of educational ministry. | Apologetics Educational Ministry Leadership Intercultural Studies Strategic Leadership |

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| CESE8301 Transitioning to a Vision-Driven Church Students will explore selected contemporary models for ministry with a view toward identifying and applying transferable principles. The clinical learning experience will seek to help the students learn to interpret the diversity of ministry models available in the contemporary culture in order to apply them rightly in their own local church ministry. | |
| CESE8302 Leading Singles Ministry This Special Event Seminar is held in conjunction with a selected conference featuring leadership training for Single Adult Ministry leaders. The seminar is scheduled and developed around the annual theme for the conference. The purpose of the seminar is to explore the challenges of ministry, service and worship for singles in the contemporary church. Students will choose from numerous professional development seminars to attend. In addition to attending these seminars, students will complete designated course assignments. | |
| CESE8303 New Directions in Christian Education This Special Event Seminar is built around selected conferences that explore the challenges and opportunities of contemporary Christian education. The seminar will be coordinated with a selected conference and course content developed around the annual theme. The conference and seminar will expose the student to contemporary issues in the field of Christian education and to professional organizations for Christian educators. This clinical learning experience will enhance responses to critical issues facing Christian educators and increase awareness of professional development opportunities. | Educational Ministry Leadership |
| CESE8304 Leadership in the Local Church Students will increase their personal awareness and enhance professional skills for leading local church ministry through at this special event. The seminar is held in conjunction with a special church leadership conference. Students will choose from a comprehensive selection of workshops. Students can choose one specific course of study or sample a variety of training experiences. In addition to attending these conference sessions, students will complete designated course requirements. (<i>Collegiate Week in Summer &/or ETCH Conference in Fall</i>) | Educational Ministry Leadership Executive Administration Next Generation Ministries |
| CESE8305 Youth Ministry Institute Students will comprehend and value the changing discipline of youth ministry. More than a replication of graduate classes offered during the regular academic semester, students are exposed to youth ministry in a different format altogether. Guest speakers, experts in the field of youth ministry, address topics within the discipline of youth ministry and students interact with the presenters through question-and-answer times, debriefings, discussion, and suggestions for implementation in the local church. | Next Generation Ministries |
| CESE8306 Disciple Making Special Event Seminar This doctoral seminar is built around annual selected conferences, teaching church events, and/or meetings that emphasize the disciple-making mission of the church. The purpose of this seminar is to expose the students to selected contemporary models for or practices of disciple-making in the local church. Special attention will be given to disciple-making in home groups, marketplace groups, and mid-sized groups. | Discipleship and Spiritual Formation |

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| <p>CESE8309 Ministering to Today's Older Adults</p> <p>This Special Event Seminar is held in conjunction with a selected conference that addresses the developmental and spiritual needs of older adults. Specific conference, locations, and times vary by year. In this seminar students explore the challenges of contemporary ministry with, to, and through older adults. During the special event students will experience a variety of conference sessions, participate in selected meetings with the on-site professor, and interact with local church senior adult leaders as well as senior care professionals. In addition to attending all conference sessions, students will complete designated course assignments.</p> | |
| <p>CESE8310 The Effective Utilization of Small Groups</p> <p>Students will enhance skills necessary for creating and leading small groups in the local church. This Special Event Seminar is held in conjunction with a selected conference focusing on small group ministry. Specific conference, locations and times vary by year. Students are exposed to selected contemporary models for small group ministry. Small groups are the most authentic expression of what it is to be church. Some form of small group ministry is a common characteristic of the largest congregations in and outside the United States. The emerging focus of America's most influential congregations is that of small groups. Students in this seminar will identify and apply transferable principles to their ministry setting. The clinical learning experience will also seek to improve a student's proficiency at utilizing data gleaned from church-based conferences.</p> | |
| <p>CESE8311 Disciple Making in a Cross-Cultural Context</p> <p>Students will experience leading discipleship ministries in a cross-cultural setting. This seminar will be offered as a mission trip focusing on the practice of leading Christian education in an international partnership. Special attention will be given to principles and practice of communication and educational leadership in other cultures. As a part of the mission trip students will assist local and national leaders in implementing programs to mature believers and develop leaders for multiplication.</p> | |
| <p>CESE8312 Special Event in Children's Ministry</p> <p>In this seminar students will examine various points of interest in and models for contemporary children's ministry through attendance at a national children's ministry conference.</p> | |
| <p>CEWM8300 Foundations in Women's Leadership</p> <p>In this seminar students will explore the foundations of women's leadership from a biblical, philosophical, theological, and historical perspective. Using the biblical examples as a guide, women's leadership in the church today will be researched and discussed, including challenges, callings, opportunities, and cultural perspectives.</p> | <p>Educational Ministry Leadership</p> <p>Executive Administration</p> <p>Ministry to Women</p> |
| <p>CEWM8301 Women in Teaching and Writing Ministry</p> <p>In this seminar, students will explore the importance and essential giftings of female biblical teachers and writers, in order to increase knowledge and application of God's Word among women. Learning from biblical and historical examples, students will research and develop different strategies for studying, designing, teaching and writing in the church, community, and academy today.</p> | <p>Ministry to Women</p> |

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| <p>CEWM8302 Special Topics in Women's Ministry Leadership</p> <p>This course is designed to expose students to current leadership issues in ministry to women by attending the Abide Women's Conference. Presentations from outstanding leaders in women's missions and ministry will provide information that can be applied in the local church. In addition, students will have the opportunity to network with women's ministry leaders and learn about available resources for ministry to women.</p> | Ministry to Women |
| <p>CEYH8301 The Emerging Landscape of Youth Ministry</p> <p>Students will explore the influence of postmodern and post-Christian culture upon the contemporary practice of youth ministry. Emphasis will be placed upon theological and practical evaluation of contemporary trends in youth ministry. Students will analyze various contemporary approaches to local church youth ministry with the goal of developing biblically sound and theologically sound ministry strategies to be implemented in current youth and adult culture.</p> | Next Generation Ministries |
| <p>CEYH8302 Issues in Youth Culture</p> <p>Students will analyze various components of the youth culture with the goal of developing biblically sound and theological sound ministry strategies to be implemented in current youth and adult culture. Personal and social problems of youth in America are studied in their cultural context. The world of adolescents is studied in detail with attention given to schools, media, friendships, family, community and church, and other relevant social issues. Ministry implications and current trends will also be discussed.</p> | Next Generation Ministries |
| <p>CEYH8303 Discipling Youth in a Family Ministry Context</p> <p>Youth and family ministry is a means of reaching the un-churched and providing avenues for growth and ministry for all age groups. Students will explore the biblical foundation for ministry to youth and families, and analysis of contemporary intergenerational characteristics and issues. Students will construct practical ministry strategies to provide effective, need-oriented ministries across the generations.</p> | Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Next Generation Ministries |
| <p>CMD58300 Specialized Directed Study in Church Music</p> <p>This seminar is an independent study seminar in the area of church music designed at the request of a student to address some specific area related to his or her specialization or project in ministry. Content and structure are designed in conjunction with an elected faculty member who agrees to supervise the seminar. In addition to assigned readings and research, the seminar may require participation in and reflection on a conference, training event, or ministry experience. Some online components may be utilized to enrich the experience. All directed study proposals must be approved by the respective professor and the Associate Dean of Professional Doctoral Programs prior to registration.</p> | |

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| <p>CMSE8301 Church Music Special Event Seminar</p> <p>This special event seminar is built around a specialized music conference and team-taught by professors in the Church Music division. The seminar will be held on-site at the conference location and will engage the student in a study of the various aspects of music as a ministry tool in the contexts of worship, education, and missions of the local church. Students will attend the various sessions of the conference and discuss relevant issues in a small group setting. Emphasis will be placed on identifying and evaluating Southern Baptist distinctives of music and worship ministry and on discussing current music and worship ministry issues reflected in denomination life. In addition to attending the conference sessions, students will complete designated course requirements.</p> | Worship Leadership |
| <p>CMSE8307 Networking for Transformational Ministry</p> <p>The seminar will be held in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting. Seminar participants will begin networking relationships with key denominational leaders about emerging strategies of Christian ministry that seek to produce transformation. In addition, seminar participants will utilize the convention sessions, ancillary meetings and displays to discover useful resources for transformational ministry.</p> | Church Health Discipleship & Spiritual Formation Educational Ministry Leadership Evangelistic Church Growth Executive Administration Next Generation Ministries Pastoral Ministry Strategic Leadership |
| <p>CMWL8301 Revitalizing Corporate Worship</p> <p>This seminar is designed to investigate the opportunities and challenges of encouraging Spirit-led worship revitalization in the context of the local church. Specific attention will be given to the processes by which leadership can encourage a deepening understanding and practice of vibrant corporate worship within a congregation. Seminar sessions will examine the role of worship in the life of a congregation and leadership principles in facilitating change. Students will also study the value of a congregation's worship practice heritage and how that relates to the dual tasks of planning and leading worship experiences. Attention will be given to possible resources for engaging the congregation as a body of intentional worship participants.</p> | Worship Leadership |
| <p>CMWL8302 Building Bridges for Multi-Generational Worship</p> <p>This seminar is designed to investigate the opportunities and challenges of planning for multigenerational corporate worship in the local church. Specific attention will be given to an understanding of the characteristics of five generational cohorts: Seniors, Boomers, Busters, Bridgers, and Children. Specific seminar sessions will examine generational attributes and influences, space for worship (facilities), styles for worship, service structures, songs for worship, and sermon delivery. Attention will also be given to possible resources for expanding the ability of church leaders to develop and implement strategies for multigenerational worship.</p> | Next Generation Ministries Pastoral Ministry Worship Leadership |
| <p>PATH8301 Exploring Issues in Effective Pastoral Ministry</p> <p>The purpose of this seminar is to examine current issues in pastoral ministry in order to determine effective means of ministry practice. The course will include challenging students to examine their pastoral theology in light of biblical principles and to engage various contrasting views of pastoral ministry. Students will explore the implications of emphasizing the various components of pastoral ministry from the vantage point of the senior pastor. Through a heuristic approach, students will confront the challenge of finding the most effective balance among the various components by assessing their own strengths and weaknesses and analyzing the congregational context.</p> | Church Health Church Revitalization Pastoral Ministry (required) Strategic Leadership |

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| PATH8304 Critical Issues in Church Revitalization The purpose of this seminar is to explore and examine critical issues of churches experiencing plateau and decline. The seminar will identify common factors, specific implications, and strategic solutions involving church revitalization, utilizing case studies, reading assignments, demographic evaluations, and research applications. | Church Health; Church Revitalization Evangelistic Church Growth Pastoral Ministry Strategic Leadership |
| PATH8305 Contemporary Models for Church Revitalization The purpose of this seminar is to explore contemporary models for church revitalization. Seminar participants will identify distinct characteristics of various contemporary church revitalization models giving special attention to strengths and limitations of each selected model. Seminar components will include research, dialogue, evaluation, and applications. Implications will be drawn for strategic planning for church leaders seeking to employ contemporary models of church revitalization. | Church Health Church Revitalization |
| PDOC8302 Teaching in Higher Education Students in this course will develop an undergraduate or graduate course of their own choosing, from the submission of a course rationale and description through the development of the course syllabus and lesson plans. In addition, they will construct a teaching portfolio prepared to present to an institute of higher learning consisting of a personal philosophy of teaching, a curriculum vita, properly written lesson plans, a syllabus for higher theological education, and video documentation of teaching. Also can be taken as RDOC9302 Teaching in Higher Education. | Educational Ministry Leadership |
| PMCP8301 Church Planting Leadership This course is a study of church planting leadership, with a particular focus on mentoring emerging church planter leaders in the North American context. Three systems of contemporary church planting leadership development and six church planting models will be introduced and evaluated. Theological research applicable to leadership development theory is emphasized. | Church Planting (required) Evangelistic Church Growth Intercultural Studies |
| PMCP8303 Developing a Global Missions Strategy This seminar will explore how to create a biblically based intentional missions focus in a church which includes evangelism, missions, and reproduction through church planting. The missions concepts in Acts 1:8 and other biblical passages will be explored including the importance of witnesses empowered by the Holy Spirit, the meaning of being Christ's witnesses, and intentional sharing of the gospel in the local, regional, international context. These concepts will be applied to new church planting efforts and existing congregations. | Church Planting Evangelistic Church Growth Intercultural Studies |
| PMCP8304 Developing a Strategy for Church Multiplication This course aims to help the student develop a strategy for church multiplication, with a particular focus on preparing and facilitating church planting from a local church context. Students will develop a vision and plan for leading churches to multiply. They will identify the next steps for discovering, developing, and deploying church planters and missionaries from a local church context. Students will learn key missiological components necessary to facilitating church planting multiplication and movements. | Church Planting (required) |

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| <p>PMDS8300 Specialized Directed Study in Pastoral Ministries</p> <p>This independent study seminar in the area of pastoral ministries is designed at the request of a student to address some specific area related to his or her specialization or project in ministry. Content and structure are designed in conjunction with an elected faculty member who agrees to supervise the seminar. In addition to assigned readings and research, the seminar may require participation in and reflection on a conference, training event, or ministry experience. All SDS proposals must be approved by the respective professor and then the Associate Dean of Professional Doctoral Programs prior to registration for the semester in which the SDS will occur.</p> | |
| <p>PMEV8302 Developing a Strategy for Healthy, Evangelistic Church Growth</p> <p>The purpose of this seminar is to lead students to develop an understanding of biblical, congregational, and contextual factors in evangelistic church growth and to develop strategic planning skills in order to implement evangelistic church growth.</p> | <p>Church Health; Church Revitalization Evangelistic Church Growth Next Generation Ministries Pastoral Ministry Strategic Leadership</p> |
| <p>PMEV8303 Case Studies in Healthy, Evangelistic Churches</p> <p>The purpose of this seminar is to teach students to analyze growing churches in contemporary, blended, and traditional settings and their utilization of church growth principles to discover strategies for achieving evangelistic church growth.</p> | <p>Church Health; Church Revitalization Evangelistic Church Growth Pastoral Ministry Strategic Leadership</p> |
| <p>PMEV8304 Worship and Healthy, Evangelistic Church Growth</p> <p>The work of this seminar involves the investigation of the biblical mandate, foundations, and principles of worship. Various elements of Christian worship as modeled by healthy, evangelistic churches will be examined. Special attention will be given to the styles of worship often referred to as traditional, blended, and contemporary.</p> | <p>Church Health Church Revitalization Next Generation Ministries Worship Leadership</p> |
| <p>PMEV8305 Developing a Disciple Making Strategy for a Healthy, Growing Church</p> <p>This professional doctoral seminar is designed to address the issue of discipleship development in the contemporary church. Emphasis will be placed on identifying biblical descriptions of a disciple and strategies for making disciples. Students will discover, analyze, and develop tools to evaluate the various stages of disciple development in their churches and produce a strategy for moving people to the next step. Students will engage in research, development, testing, administering, and interpreting an assessment instrument, book reviews, strategy planning, and creative presentation. Also, can be taken as CEDI8305.</p> | <p>Church Health; Church Revitalization Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Educational Ministry Leadership Evangelistic Church Growth Intercultural Studies Next Generation Ministries Pastoral Ministry</p> |
| <p>PMLS8300 Strategic Leadership</p> <p>The purpose of this seminar is to study strategic leadership theory and its applications and implications upon churches and ministry organizations. Strategic dimensions of leadership to be examined include strategic thinking, strategic foresight, strategic influence, strategic team-building, and strategic action.</p> | <p>Church Health; Church Revitalization Educational Ministry Leadership Evangelistic Church Growth Executive Administration Pastoral Ministry Strategic Leadership (required)</p> |
| <p>PMLS8301 Leading Congregational Change</p> <p>The purpose of this seminar is to identify and examine the leadership disciplines required to successfully initiate and implement congregational change. Attention will be given to creating a climate for change, discerning and communicating vision, developing strategic planning skills, and analyzing change theory practice.</p> | <p>Church Health; Church Revitalization Executive Administration Pastoral Ministry Strategic Leadership (required) Worship Leadership</p> |

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| PMLS8302 Emerging Issues in Denominational Leadership The purpose of this seminar is to explore and examine critical issues confronting denominational leaders. Seminar components will include research, dialogue, evaluation, and strategy development. Seminar participants will evaluate the impact of selected emerging issues in various levels of Southern Baptist structure and will be challenged to develop personal action plans in their ministry context. | Pastoral Ministry Strategic Leadership |
| PMLS8303 Essential Skills for Denominational Leaders The purpose of this seminar is to enhance and improve basic leadership skills for denominational leaders. Seminar components will include administrative skills, networking and partnership interactions, vocational transitions, and business management as they relate to various levels of Southern Baptist denominational leadership. Seminar participants will be challenged through research, dialogue, and evaluation in their ministry context. | |
| PMLS8304 Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management The purpose of this seminar is to address the issues and implications of conflict resolution and crisis management in congregations and ministry organizations. Utilizing biblical principles, textbook analyses, case studies, and role plays, students will examine conflict intensity levels, determine best practices, enhance leadership skills and develop strategic actions related to conflict resolution and crisis management in churches and ministry contexts. Also can be taken as CEAM8302. | Church Health Church Revitalization Evangelistic Church Growth Executive Administration Pastoral Counseling Pastoral Ministry (Required) Strategic Leadership |
| PMLS8305 Leadership Styles in Ministry In this seminar students will examine leadership principles and organizational theory in the context of local church ministry. Application of theory to the local church setting will be made. Also can be taken as CEAM8301. | Educational Ministry Executive Administration Strategic Leadership Worship Leadership |
| PMMI8302 Contemporary Mission Methods and Movements The purpose of this seminar is to familiarize students with the most current mission methods being employed on mission fields throughout the world, and oftentimes, in missional churches in America. Students are also led to examine some of the great movements that are impacting the world of missions. Seminar participants become familiar with mission efforts being effectively used and with issues that impact modern missions. | Intercultural Studies |
| PMMI8304 Cross Cultural Disciple-making The purpose of this seminar is to equip participants to disciple effectively in a culturally diverse world. It includes study of the dynamics of communicating the gospel cross-culturally. Particular attention is given to understanding culture and worldview, the relationship of culture to the gospel, evangelism, and discipleship; and how your church can make disciples in a variety of contexts. | Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Educational Ministry Leadership Intercultural Studies |
| PMMI8305 Multiethnic Church Leadership The purpose of this seminar is to examine principles and practices of developing and sustaining a multiethnic church ministry in the North American context. Attention will be given to the scriptural and theological undergirdings of multiethnic and multicultural church life. Current models of effective multiethnic local churches will be explored. | Church Planting Evangelistic Church Growth Intercultural Studies (Required) |

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| <p>PMMI8306 Developing a Strategy for Evangelistic Compassion Ministries</p> <p>The purpose of this seminar is to explore multiple forms of compassion ministry which lead to evangelistic encounters. Scriptural foundations for compassion ministry will be examined. Students will investigate successful compassion ministries and learn how to develop these ministries for their own context.</p> | Intercultural Studies |
| <p>PMPR8301 Contemporary Expository Preaching</p> <p>The seminar involves students in research and reflection on various dimensions of expository preaching in the contemporary church. A two-pronged focus examines both the rationale and practice of expository preaching especially as it applies to pastoral ministry. Students will be given the opportunity to dialogue with selected guest practitioners regarding their respective philosophies and practices of expository preaching. Students also will complete selected assignments designed to enhance their own preparation and delivery of expository messages.</p> | Expository Preaching |
| <p>PMPR8305 Preaching through the Genres</p> <p>The seminar will lead students to examine the connection between the practice of expository preaching and the various genres of both testaments of the Bible. Attention will be given to methods of interpreting and proclaiming narrative, law, poetry, proverbs, prophecy, letters, and apocalyptic. Students will also apply their knowledge to their own preaching in a way that is relevant to the contemporary church and culture.</p> | Biblical Studies Expository Preaching Pastoral Ministry |
| <p>PMSE8301 Expository Preaching Lab</p> <p>This seminar is built around a selected Preaching Conference on location (students will participate in the entire conference and are responsible for all conference registration fees in addition to the course tuition). Students will hear and evaluate the sermons of selected conference keynote speakers/preachers. Students also will complete selected assignments designed to enhance their own preparation and delivery of expository sermons.</p> | Expository Preaching Pastoral Ministry |
| <p>PMSE8306 Special Event for Ministers</p> <p>This course will incorporate a major conference designed for ministers. Students will attend conference sessions designed to encourage and inspire participants as well as equip them to perform pastoral leadership and ministry at the highest possible level. As deemed appropriate, other conferences of similar content may be utilized in the future. In addition to attending the conference sessions, students will complete other designated course requirements. Included in the required readings for the course will be various subjects related to the practice of pastoral ministry and specifically in the area of ministerial ethics.</p> | |
| <p>PMSE8308 Church Planting Special Event</p> <p>This course will incorporate a significant conference designed for students interested in missions or church planting. This seminar will be conducted with the North American Mission Board Send Orientation/Conferences. Students will attend conference sessions designed to encourage and inspire participants in missional leadership and church planting. In addition to attending the conference sessions, students will complete other designated course requirements. Included in the required readings for the course will be various subjects related to the practice of church planting in North America.</p> | Church Planting |

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| PMSE8310 SBC Crossover The purpose of this course is to provide opportunities for planning and participation in community evangelistic outreach and ministry as part of the Crossover Community Outreach prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Students will be exposed to the disciplines of strategic planning, denominational partnerships, ministry evangelism, special event evangelism and personal evangelism as well as disciple making skills. | |
| PMTH8300 Apologetic Preaching This seminar is designed to equip students to understand cultural, doctrinal, moral, and other contextual issues for the purpose of faithfully proclaiming God's Word. Students will study various apologetic approaches and will be able to understand the nature of apologetics, specifically as it relates to the preaching ministry. The seminar will address the nature of worldviews and the uniqueness and reasonableness of the Christian worldview. Special attention will be given to communicating and defending the Christian worldview in the context of expository preaching. Also can be taken as THCH8300. (THCH8300 was formerly offered as THTH8300.) | Apologetics Church Planting Expository Preaching |

Theological and Historical Studies Seminars

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| THCH8300 Apologetic Preaching This seminar is designed to equip students to understand cultural, doctrinal, moral, and other contextual issues for the purpose of faithfully proclaiming God's Word. Students will study various apologetic approaches and will be able to understand the nature of apologetics, specifically as it relates to the preaching ministry. The seminar will address the nature of worldviews and the uniqueness and reasonableness of the Christian worldview. Special attention will be given to communicating and defending the Christian worldview in the context of expository preaching. Also can be taken as PMTH8300. (THCH8300 was formerly offered as THTH8300.) (THCH8300 was formerly offered as THTH8300.) | Apologetics Church Planting Expository Preaching |
| THCH8301 Spiritual Formation of the Minister This seminar delineates the sources, character, and dynamics of the spiritual formation of the Christian minister. Formation is viewed as a foundational ministry and as a reciprocal responsibility of pastor and congregation. It is vitally related to the quality of the congregation's worship and service and the integrity of the pastor's prophetic awareness. Combining trenchant analyses of contemporary religion and culture with insights and directives from Scripture and the classics of Christian devotion, the study sets forth the classical spiritual disciplines as essential ingredients of authentic formation. The seminar constitutes an urgent call for spiritual maturity in Christian ministry and provides clear directives for achieving it. | Church Planting Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Educational Ministry Leadership |
| THCH8302 The Church, Law, and Religious Liberty Students will evaluate case studies involving past and current United States Supreme Court cases that relate to the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Attention will be given to the tension between the Free Exercise Clause and the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment and how this affects ministry in the local church. This course will help church leaders identify and respond effectively to constitutional issues faced by the contemporary church and their ethical implications. | Apologetics |

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| <p>THCH8306 Issues in Baptist Life</p> <p>This Seminar is designed to involve students in the analyzing and investigating the historical context or relevant theological issues pertinent to Baptist life in general and the Southern Baptist Convention in particular. Students will encounter and engage significant historical, theological, and/or ministerial issues through readings, papers, and class discussions. The course is designed to promote the integration of history and/or theology in Baptist ministry and church life. Various topics may be addressed in the seminar at different times. Also can be taken as THTH8306.</p> | <p>Apologetics</p> |
| <p>THDS8300 Specialized Directed Study in Theological/Historical Studies</p> <p>This is an independent study seminar in the area of theological/historical studies designed at the request of a student to address some specific area or related to his or her specialization or project in ministry. Content and structure are designed in conjunction with an elected faculty member who agrees to supervise the seminar. In addition to assigned readings and research, the seminar may require participation in and reflection on a conference, training event, or ministry experience. Some online components may be utilized to enrich the experience. All directed study proposals must be approved by the respective professor and the Associate Dean of Professional Doctoral Programs prior to registration.</p> | |
| <p>THSE8301 The Southern Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Program at Work</p> <p>This Special Event Seminar is built around the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and team-taught by the Theological/Historical Studies division and the Church Ministry Division. The seminar is held on a yearly basis on-site at the conference location and engages the student in a study of the theology and polity of Southern Baptists as expressed at an annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Students will attend the various sessions of the convention and discuss numerous issues in a small group setting. Emphasis will be placed on persons, events, ideas, and movements in Southern Baptist life as well as on doctrines distinctive to Southern Baptists. In addition to attending the convention sessions, students will complete designated course requirements.</p> | <p>Apologetics Pastoral Ministry</p> |
| <p>THSE8302 Issues in Baptist Life</p> <p>This Special Event Seminar is designed to involve students in the analysis and investigation of relevant theological issues pertinent to Baptist life in general and the Southern Baptist Convention in particular. Students will encounter and engage significant theological and ministerial issues through attendance and participation in the conference sponsored by the Baptist Center for Theology and Ministry. The course is designed to promote the importance of theology and the integration of theology for Baptist ministry and church life.</p> | <p>Apologetics</p> |
| <p>THTH8301 Theological Issues for Ministry in the 21st Century</p> <p>This seminar involves conversation and reflection on various dimensions of Christian ministry from a theological perspective. A twin-pronged focus examines contemporary theological issues in the broader faith community and issues related to the specific places of ministry served by students enrolled in the seminar.</p> | |

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| THTH8302 Doctrinal Foundations for Contemporary Ministry This seminar is designed to involve students in research and reflection upon the various doctrinal foundations for contemporary ministry. A twofold approach will examine the development and articulation of specified doctrines of the Baptist Faith and Message and the development and implementation of the doctrines within the various contemporary ministries of the local church. This course also serves as preparation for the students to engage in theological reflection in other ProDoc seminars, the Final Project Proposal, and the Project Report. | Apologetics Discipleship and Spiritual Formation |
| THTH8303 The Problem of Evil and Suffering This course exposes students to classical and contemporary treatments of the so-called problem of evil and explores their significance for the Christian worldview and ministry in the local church. Issues addressed include the nature of evil and suffering, the cause of evil, the intelligibility and coherence of the Christian concept of God in light of evil, solutions offered by various world religions to the problem of evil, and an assortment of philosophical and apologetic responses to the problem at hand. | Apologetics |
| THTH8304 The Christian Worldview This seminar is designed to involve students in researching, understanding, and communicating the Christian worldview and its implications for ministry. Issues addressed include the nature of worldviews, the uniqueness of the Christian worldview in comparison to other worldviews, and the reasonableness of the Christian worldview. Special attention is given to issues related to communicating and defending the Christian worldview in the context of contemporary ministry. The seminar also prepares students to engage in worldview reflection in other professional doctoral seminars, the final project proposal, and the final project report. | Apologetics |
| THTH8305 The Bible and Contemporary Issues This course focuses upon how best to communicate the message of the Bible in order to address contemporary apologetic issues. Issues addressed include oral and written communication forms, apologetic methodology, biblical authority, textual authenticity, science and the Bible, and other similar issues. Students will also study how best to communicate biblical truth and the Christian worldview via contemporary media. Special attention will be given to implementing these communication forms in pastoral ministry. | Apologetics |
| THTH8306 Issues in Baptist Life This Seminar is designed to involve students in the analysis and investigation of relevant theological issues pertinent to Baptist life in general and the Southern Baptist Convention in particular. Students will encounter and engage significant theological and ministerial issues through readings, papers, and class discussions. The course is designed to promote the integration of theology in Baptist ministry and church life. A variety of specific topics may be addressed in the seminar at different times. Also can be taken as THCH8306. | Apologetics |

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Delay Status Options

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| <p>PDRS8001 Continual Enrollment Status Professional doctoral students not registering for at least one workshop or seminar during the current semester register for this status. Students are allowed to register for this status no more than two consecutive semesters before they must register for some component of their program, register for Program Delay Status, or request Inactive Status from the ProDoc Committee. (See Student Fees pages in this Graduate Catalog.)</p> | |
| <p>PDRS8002 Program Delay Status Students who plan not to register for at least one workshop or seminar per year must register for Program Delay status until they reactivate their program or request Inactive status from the ProDoc Committee. Students must pay a fee for each semester of Program Delay. (See Student Fees page in this Graduate Catalog)</p> | |
| <p>PDRS8003 Inactive Status Students who have been granted Inactive status by the ProDoc Committee are registered for this status each semester until they reactivate their program. (See Student Fees page in this Graduate Catalog)</p> | |

Project in Ministry Status

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| <p>PDPM8010 Project Proposal (0 hours) The student will register for this course the semester immediately after completion of Project in Ministry Design Workshop. The student will write the Final Project Proposal while enrolled in this course. The student may enroll for this course for up to two semesters. If a Final Project Proposal has not been submitted to the ProDoc committee for approval before one calendar year, the student will need to retake Project in Ministry Design Workshop. (See Student Fees page in this Graduate catalog.)</p> | |
| <p>PDPM8020 Project Approval (0 hours) This component will be added to the student's program after the Final Project Proposal is approved by the ProDoc Committee. The student can begin implementation and writing towards the Final Project Report. (See Student Fees page in this Graduate catalog.)</p> | |
| <p>PDPM8601 Project in Ministry This part of the student's program involves the implementation of the project in ministry and writing the Project Report. The student will be registered for this course ONLY after receiving approval of the Final Project Proposal from the Project Mentor and the ProDoc Committee. The student has one year to complete the project in ministry and report from the time of registration. All tuition fees for the project in ministry must be paid at this time. (See Student Fees page in this Graduate Catalog)</p> | |
| <p>PDPM8030 Project Writing (0 hours) The student can utilize this component, if needed, to continue editing the Final Project Report. (See Student Fees page in this Graduate catalog.)</p> | |