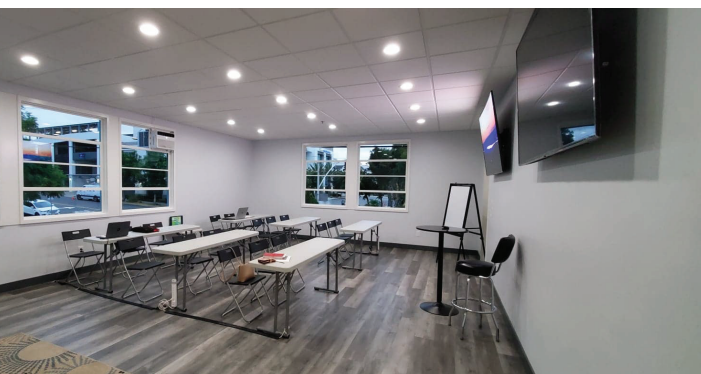




PURPOSE:

The Diploma of Ministry Studies (DMS) program is designed for people who are interested in seminary level studies of the Bible, theology, and ministry. DMS is an advanced program designed for those who have already completed the Certificate of Ministry Studies Program (CMS). Whether you are working to complete your educational requirements for commissioned or licensed ministry, a lay person wanting to learn more about the Bible, theology, and ministry, or have other reasons for wanting to learn more, this may be the perfect program for you. All CMS graduates, and anyone who has completed college level study or other Biblical studies and want to continue their Biblical, theological, and ministry education in a program that offers seminary quality classes, should consider this program. This program also serves as a good introduction for individuals considering pursuing a Masters level degree at the seminary level.



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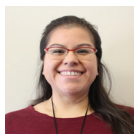
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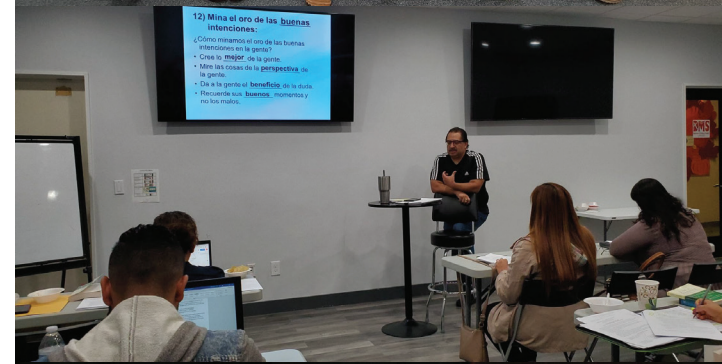
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FACULTY

The DMS faculty come from various denominations and have different backgrounds in the Christian tradition. All courses in the areas of the Bible, theology, and history will be taught by professors with a doctorate in the subject area, most of whom are current seminary professors teaching at the graduate level, and/or pastors and leaders of various denominations including Disciples of Christ, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Assemblies of God, and others. Because DMS is designed with the needs of the local church in mind, the faculty will generally reflect and emphasize this. Professors who are actively participating in giving introductory CMS courses, and who have indicated to us that they want to teach advanced DMS courses in each area are:

Dra. Zaida Maldonado-Perez, Dr. David Escobar-Arcay, Dr. David Cortez-Fuentes, Dra. Awilda Gonzalez-Babb, Dr. David Wheeler, Dr. David Alicea, Dra. Jane Atkins-Vazquez, Dr. Angel Santiago-Vendrel, Dra. Yara Gonzalez-Justiniano.

REQUIREMENTS

A high school diploma and/or college level studies are preferred but not required to participate in the DMS program. If you do not have these studies but have graduated from the CMS program, you are eligible. All graduates who satisfactorily complete all required course work will be invited to participate in a graduation ceremony.

PROGRAM SUPERVISION AND MENTORING

Disciples Seminary Foundation (DSF) will provide counseling and mentoring to all DMS students as part of their program studies as it relates to their ministry or their interest in, and goals for, church leadership.

COST OF THE DIPLOMA

The total tuition for the two year DMS program is \$4,000. There are payment options available. Please contact us for more information.

1. You can pay the entire \$4,000 in tuition when you register for the program.
2. You can make payments during the semester until you have reached the \$1000 per semester cost. Payments must be made by the established deadline for each semester.



CONTINUING EDUCATION OPTION

It is possible to participate in the DMS courses as an auditor, or for continuing education credit, without having to enroll in the entire two-year DMS program. The cost for attending a single course \$500. A registration form must be submitted with the \$500 payment prior to participating in the desired course.

DMS CURRICULUM

Area I: Bible

- New Testament: Gospels
- New Testament: Pauline letters
- Old Testament: Pentateuch
- Old Testament: Major Prophets

Area II: Theology

- Systematic Theology
- Hispanic Theology

Area III: History

- History of the Christian Church
- History of the Hispanic Christian Church

Area IV: Practical Ministry

- Hermeneutics
- Advanced Christian Education
- Ministerial Leadership
- Church Administration

Number of courses over 2 years = 12

Length of each course:

Wednesday: 6:30-9pm (2.5 hours)

Thursday: 6:30-9pm (2.5 hours))

Friday: 6:30-9pm (2.5 hours)

Saturday: 9am-1:30pm (4.5 hours)

Hours of classroom instruction = 12

(Classroom instruction for each course is completed in one week)

Hours of work on projects for each course = 24

(Projects and essays are to be completed within one month of the last day of the course.)

TO RECEIVE A DIPLOMA

Students must complete all **144 hours of classroom instruction** for a total of **36 credits** in order to participate in the graduation ceremony and receive their Diploma of Ministerial Studies from DSF.

