



CAMPBELL
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Divinity School

**Doctor of
Ministry
Program**

**Application
for
Admission**

Campbell University Divinity School

Application Information for the Doctor of Ministry Degree Program

The Campbell University Divinity School welcomes applications from all persons with a seminary or divinity school degree who are seeking further education for Christian service. We are a Baptist school that welcomes women and men who represent both Baptist and other Christian traditions.

Applications may be submitted anytime, up to one year prior to starting the degree program. Please note that the Doctor of Ministry degree program accepts applications only for fall semester admission. Review of applications begins February 1 and continues until class is full. Applications received after class is full can be placed on a waiting list in case a vacancy occurs. Notification of results will be mailed to early applicants by April 15. If you need assistance in completing forms, call the Office of Admissions, Campbell University Divinity School, 1-800-760-9827, extension 4765.

Eligibility

Admission to the Doctor of Ministry program is based on a candidate's profile, which is made up of application materials, references, an interview, academic background, experience in ministry, and potential for excellence in future ministry. Applicants must have an earned Master of Divinity degree or its educational equivalent from an ATS (Association of Theological Schools) accredited seminary or divinity school. Applicants with seminary master's degrees other than the Master of Divinity degree may seek admission to complete leveling work that may be needed. Applicants must have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in M.Div. studies. (Applicants with grade point averages of 2.75 or above will receive consideration.)

Applicants must have completed a minimum of three years significant ministerial experience after the completion of the Master of Divinity degree or its educational equivalent, must have evidence of current involvement in ministry, and must have the desire and capacity to pursue an advanced level of competence and theological reflection related to ministry.

All applicants whose first language is not English must submit a *Test of English as a Foreign Language* (TOEFL) score of at least 237 on the computer-based test, or documentation showing the ability to communicate in written and spoken English at the graduate level is required. Graduation from an accredited theological school in the United States would be acceptable documentation. Persons who are not U.S. citizens or who have earned their seminary or divinity school degree outside the United States should contact the Divinity School office for additional requirements.

Final approval for admission to the Doctor of Ministry program is given by the Dean upon the recommendation of the Doctor of Ministry Admission Committee. Campbell University Divinity School reserves the right to limit admissions for any reason to insure the quality of the program and to maintain the purpose for which the school was established. Additional documentation, including standardized test results and educational references, may be requested from applicants to determine their readiness for the Doctor of Ministry program. *Materials submitted in support of an application are not released for other purposes and cannot be returned to the applicant.*

Application Procedures

If you have not discussed possibilities for enrolling at the Campbell University Divinity School with the Director of Admissions, please call and make arrangements. If the opportunities at Campbell meet your needs and you wish to apply, follow these steps:

- ☐ Complete and sign the application for admission. Return it with a \$35 non-refundable application fee.
- ☐ Prepare and type an essay of 8-10 double-spaced, typed pages, and enclose with your application.
- ☐ Request that all post-secondary educational institutions in which you have studied send a transcript directly to the Campbell University Divinity School.
- ☐ Request recommendations from three persons acquainted with your ministry skills: **minister, seminary professor, and layperson**. You must be acquainted with at least one recommender for three or more years. Recommenders must be familiar with you in your ministry/academic setting. The recommendation completed by the minister must be a minister with whom you are well acquainted. The recommendation completed by a professor must be from your seminary studies. The recommendation completed by the layperson must be a layperson who is familiar with your ministry and is a member of your current congregation or is a member of your most immediate past congregation. Family members may not serve as recommenders. In addition, recommenders selected must not be related to another recommender. Recommendation forms must be mailed directly from the appropriate persons to the Campbell University Divinity School.
- ☐ Materials should be addressed to: Office of Admissions, Campbell University Divinity School, Post Office Drawer 4050, Buies Creek, NC 27506.

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P.O. Drawer 4050, Buies Creek, NC 27506
1-800-760-9827 ext. 1830 FAX 910-814-7835

Application for Admission Doctor of Ministry Degree Program

PERSONAL INFORMATION *(TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK INK.)*

Name _____
Last First Middle

Current Address _____
P. O. Box or Street City State Zip

Permanent Address _____
P. O. Box or Street City State Zip

Home Telephone (_____) _____ Work Telephone (_____) _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____ Fax Number (_____) _____

E-Mail Address _____ Citizenship (if other than US) _____

_____ Check here if you have any court convictions or if legal action against you is pending other than traffic violations, and explain (use an additional sheet if necessary): _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Have you previously applied to Campbell University Divinity School? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, when? _____

Expected enrollment date: Fall Year _____ (Note: The D. Min. program begins each fall. Acceptance is good for one year.)

Desired D. Min concentration:

- ☐ Christian Education
- ☐ Congregational Leadership
- ☐ Pastoral Ministry
- ☐ Preaching
- ☐ Specialized Ministries
- ☐ Worship

What is your native language? _____

If English is not your native language, have you taken the TOEFL? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate date taken and score earned. _____

Would you be a transfer student from an accredited divinity school or seminary? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, from what institution? _____ Address/location _____

Reason for transfer _____ How many semester hours completed? _____ GPA _____

Please list all post-secondary educational institutions attended, including graduate schools, beginning with the most recent. Please note that we must receive an official transcript from each institution. Transcripts for Campbell University applicants are on file in the Registrar's office. Request that an "Institutional Copy" be sent to the Divinity School.

Name of Institution	Location	Dates you were enrolled	Degree/hours completed	Major	Date of degree	Estimated GPA

Have you ever been suspended, dismissed, or denied admission by any college, seminary, divinity, or graduate school?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please write an explanation on a separate sheet and attach to this form.

VOCATIONAL INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT OF MINISTRY

Full name of your denomination _____

Name of Church (where you are a member) _____

Address of Church _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Pastor's Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Name of congregation or other church-related organization in which you now primarily work _____

Your title (Pastor, Associate, Chaplain, etc.) _____

Length of time in present position _____ Date of your ministerial ordination _____

Ministry Experience (post M. Div.):

Position	Status (Full or Part-time)	Church/Location	Term of Service

Essay Prepare and enclose a typed, double-spaced essay of 8-10 pages describing:

A. Autobiographical History

- Brief narrative of your Christian pilgrimage and call to ministry.
- Describe in detail your ministerial history to date. Indicate positions held, areas of responsibility, special projects developed/supervised, service beyond the local church, continuing education opportunities, career evaluations, and clinical pastoral education.
- Profile of your current ministry situation (position, responsibilities, and significant accomplishments).

B. Philosophy of Ministry

- Describe your personal commitment to and philosophy of ministry.
- Briefly explain your long-range plans for continued full-time ministry.
- Describe your goals for personal and professional development.
- In a brief statement, explain what you hope to gain from a D.Min. program, how a D.Min. program will fit into your current ministry, and how Campbell University Divinity School's D. Min. program in particular will benefit your ministry.

C. Area of D. Min. Concentration Campbell University Divinity School offers six areas of vocational emphases: Christian Education, Congregational Leadership, Pastoral Ministry, Preaching, Specialized Ministries, and Worship. The focus of your D.Min. program, including the Final Project, is to be in one of these areas. You have indicated the vocational emphasis of your D.Min. program in this application. With this in mind, please respond to the following requests.

- Explain your reason for selecting the vocational emphasis you have marked, your previous experience with it (including readings, ministry activity, education, and special training), and how this emphasis now appears in either your current ministry or your future ministry.
- While the topic for a Final Project will evolve as the D.Min. candidate proceeds through the program, please describe in one paragraph how, at this point in your ministry, you would approach in a Final Project the vocational emphasis you have selected. This statement does not commit you to this particular topic, but is a way for the admissions committee to learn the nature of your particular interest and to assess your ability to formulate a timely, manageable, and professionally relevant focus for the culminating stage of D.Min. work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Please list the names and addresses of three references: (1) minister; (2) seminary professor; and (3) layperson. Fill out the top of the recommendation form and give it to each person. Provide a stamped and addressed envelope and request that it be returned within one week to the Office of Admissions of the Campbell University Divinity School.

Name and Position	Address	Phone

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this application is true, correct, and complete. I understand that false or incomplete statements in these materials or in the admissions process are grounds for denial of admission or dismissal from school. I give Campbell University Divinity School permission to validate all information stated in these materials.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Note: A \$35.00 non-refundable fee is required with this application.

Return to: Office of Admissions
Campbell University Divinity School
Post Office Drawer 4050
Buies Creek, NC 27506

Campbell University reaffirms its standing policy of nondiscrimination in employment and in all of its programs and activities, with respect to age, race, color, national and ethnic origin, gender, and physical disability. Federal law expressly recognizes exemptions when claimed by religious institutions.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

This information is not used by the University in the admission decision process. This data is used for statistical reporting to the Association of Theological Schools. Information shared will be used only in accordance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments Act of 1972 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

Marital Status ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Other

Date of Birth _____

Name of Spouse _____ Names and ages of children _____

Predominant Racial/Ethnic Background

1. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

☐ Asian

☐ White

☐ Black or African American

☐ Other _____



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Doctor of Ministry Program Recommendation for Admission Layperson Recommendation

Applicant:

Please complete this section before giving it to your recommender. The completed form should be sent to the Office of Admissions, Campbell University Divinity School, Post Office Drawer 4050, Buies Creek, NC 27506. Provide each recommender with a stamped, addressed envelope. *Request that the recommendation be sent to the Divinity School within one week.*

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Applicant's Name _____
Last First Middle

☐ I waive ☐ I do not waive all rights to inspect this form.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Recommender:

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1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. In what context have you known the applicant? _____
3. How well do you know the applicant? ☐ Casually ☐ Well ☐ Very Well
4. Place a check (✓) in the space that, in your judgment, best describes the applicant.

Personal Qualities	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	I have not observed
Oral skills						
Written skills						
Academic ability						
Leadership potential						
Christian commitment						
Commitment to the local church						
Emotional maturity						

(Over)

5. Campbell University Divinity School is committed to educating the most qualified candidates for the Doctor of Ministry program. We appreciate your comments regarding the applicant's academic ability (research/study skills and speaking/writing skills), relational ability, emotional maturity, integrity/character, reputation, skills and gifts in ministry, experience in ministry, potential for future church leadership, and potential to benefit from the Doctor of Ministry degree program. Please use the space provided or attach a formal letter on your letterhead to address these attributes.

6. I recommend this applicant for admission with ☐ enthusiasm ☐ confidence ☐ reservation.

7. I cannot recommend this applicant for admission. ☐

8. I would like for the Director of Admissions to call me to talk further. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of Recommender (Please Print) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Professional Title _____ Organization _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Is there someone else we should contact about the applicant? Please give name, address, and phone number.

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Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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Applicant:

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