

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary



LETTER *from the Director*

Congratulations on deciding to pursue the next level of your theological education and ministry training. I am excited that you are considering the DMin program at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary as you fulfill God's call on your life. I appreciate your consideration of our program and understand how important your choice will be in further developing your skills as a minister.

Pursuing a doctorate is a major investment of your time, passion, and finances. The DMin degree at Southeastern Seminary has been carefully developed to provide you the very best training experiences, led by world-class faculty and outstanding practitioners in ministry. The faculty utilize multiple learning experiences matched with timeless biblical truths with effective ministry practices, creating the perfect blend of ministerial skill development and maturation of ministerial thought. Your DMin degree will conclude with a meaningful ministry project designed to make a Kingdom impact in your ministry context.

The DMin at Southeastern Seminary offers students the opportunity to build lasting relationships with peers, professors, and ministry professionals that will last a lifetime. We believe the personal nature of our program is one of its greatest strengths. The investment we make in our students extends well beyond the classroom. Our faculty and guest lecturers treasure getting to know our students and see mentoring as an essential aspect of our program. We invite our students to eat in our homes, get to know our families and observe our ministries. Upon entering the program, you become part of our DMin family.



You will find helpful information below about our DMin program that will aid you as you pray through this important decision. My desire is for you to obey God's call on your life, wherever that takes you. We will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Please email us at dmin@sebts.edu or call 919-761-2216.

Sincerely,

Tate Cockrell, PhD

Director of DMin Studies

Professor of Counseling

Fulp Chair of Biblical Counseling

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

WHAT IS a Doctor of Ministry?

The Doctor of Ministry is a 3-year advanced degree designed for ministers seeking further training to serve at a new level of excellence in ministry. Throughout the 31-hour degree, students will acquire new ideas, tools, strategies, and techniques that will increase effectiveness and expand opportunities within current and future roles.

In the Southeastern DMin program, you can expect an outstanding faculty (world class professors and expert ministry practitioners), convenient course schedules for both a modified residency degree (only 4 trips to campus) and a fully online degree, cohort learning environments, a challenging and practical curriculum, an excellent mentoring plan, servant-driven administration, and a competitive tuition plan.

“The Doctor of Ministry degree is one of the most effective means of ministry education available to those actively serving the Church who wish to gain further training for more effective service to the body of Christ. If you desire a mentoring relationship with an experienced professor and want to avail yourself of the encouragement of a cohort of likeminded ministers, this degree is for you. I am excited about the DMin program at Southeastern. That is why I personally teach in it each year, and that is why I also supervise and mentor students myself. I believe in this program, and I am convinced that you will become a believer as well as you work your way through the excellent program of study, write a ministry project that will be relevant to your ministry assignment and graduate better equipped to minister to God’s people.”

- SEBTS President Dr. Danny Akin

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OVERVIEW & Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements for admission?

- An accredited master's degree in a ministry-related area
- 3.0 GPA in graduate work (will consider a lower GPA based on strength of application)
- Significant vocational ministry experience
- Current ministry position

How do I get started?

- Complete and submit the online application on the SEBTS website: **apply.sebts.edu**
- Deadline for Applications:
November 15, 2025 for Spring 2026 start

How long does it take to finish the program?

- 3 year minimum/6 year maximum

Program Components

- The specialization in Expository Preaching consists of 4 three-day seminars in April and October, spread across the first two years of the program.
- 4 workshops in a synchronous learning format via Zoom
- 2 contextualized learning experiences via Zoom
- Ministry Project (final year)

How much does it cost?

- \$40 application fee
- Standard Tuition
 - \$1,500 Program Fee
 - \$400/monthly flat fee for 36+ months (3 years)*
- SBC or Military Discounted Tuition
 - \$1,000 Program Fee
 - \$275/monthly flat fee for 36+ months (3 years)*

**Billed in six month increments with a choice to separate into monthly payments via a payment plan through Nelnet.*

SAMPLE PROGRAM PLAN

Beginning Summer 2025

First Year

Spring 2026

Online – March 2026 – via Zoom

DMN8160—Program Orientation - Cockrell

Grade: ____ 1 hour

In-person – April 2026 – SCB Convention Office

DMN8901 – Engaging Exposition - Wolfe

Grade: ____ 3 hours

Summer 2026

Online – See Syllabus for Monthly Meetings – via Zoom

DMN8111—Contextualized Learning Experience I - Lawless

Grade: ____ 2 hours

Online – August 2026 – via Zoom

DMN8161—Minister as Pers. and Professional - Cockrell

Grade: ____ 3 hours

Fall 2026

In-person – October 2026 – SCB Convention Office

DMN8903– Christ Centered Exposition – Saxon

Grade: ____ 3 hours

Second Year

Winter 2027

Online – December 2026 – via Zoom

DMN8170—Integrative Theology Workshop - Quinn

Grade: ____ 2 hours

Spring 2027

In-person – April 2027 – SCB Convention Office

DMN8904—Leading through Exposition - Harder

Grade: ____ 3 hours

Summer 2027

Online – TBD – via Zoom

DMN8112—Contextualized Learning Experience II - Cockrell

(See Course Cycle for section dates – via Zoom)

Grade: ____ 2 hours

Fall 2027

In-person – October 2027 – SCB Convention Office

DMN8604—Strategic Leadership - Clamp

Grade: ____ 3 hours

Third Year

Winter 2028

Online – December 2027 – via Zoom

DMN8141—Project Design Workshop - Cockrell

Grade: ____ 3 hours

Spring 2028

DMN8151—Ministry Project Work

Grade: ____ 3 hours

Fall 2028

DMN8152 – Ministry Project Work

Grade: ____ 3 hours

Graduation: Fall 2028

Total Hours: 31 hours

DMIN Tuition & Fees

2024-2025

Tuition & Fees					
	Program Entry fee	Required Monthly Billed Tuition	Total Each Semester (6Mo.)	Total Each Year (12Mo.)	Grand Total (36 mo.)
Standard	\$1,500	\$408	\$2,448	\$4,896	\$16,188
Discounted	\$1,000	\$280.50	\$1,683	\$3,366	\$11,098

Additional Costs					
	Textbooks for Each Seminar	Travel/Lodging for Each Trip	Proofreading (Writing Phase)	Printing Final Project	Graduation Fees
Estimates	\$100-\$300	\$200-\$800	\$500-\$650	\$60-\$70	\$250

Standard Tuition Summary	
Tuition & Fees (36Mo.)	\$16,188
Textbooks	\$400-\$1,200
Travel & Lodging	\$2,500-\$5,500
Proofreading	\$550-\$750
Other Costs	\$310-\$320
Grand Total	\$19,948-\$23,958

SBC & Military Discounted Tuition Summary	
Tuition & Fees (36mo.)	\$11,098
Textbooks	\$400-\$1,200
Travel & Lodging	\$2,500-\$5,500
Proofreading	\$550-\$750
Other Costs	\$310-\$320
Grand Total	\$14,858-\$18,868

FINANCIAL AID Information

It is the student's responsibility to pursue various avenues of financial aid. Many students receive funding from their sending churches, denominational scholarship support, and institutional aid.

Students are advised that excess scholarship aid may be requested towards the end of the semester. Please coordinate with your scholarship organization and Southeastern Seminary's Financial Aid department for assistance and planning.

NAMB & IMB Personnel

Students who are full-time personnel of the International Mission Board (IMB) are eligible to apply for a scholarship equivalent to 100% of the student's tuition and student enrollment fee. Students who are full-time personnel of the North American Mission Board (NAMB) are eligible to apply for a scholarship equivalent to 30% of the student's tuition and student enrollment fee. In addition, there are several institutions that cooperate with Southeastern to offer a tuition discount for employees of the institution. It is the student's responsibility to contact Financial Aid and complete the necessary documentation to apply for these scholarships. The application form to this scholarship can be found at the following website:

<https://www.sebts.edu/admissions-and-aid/student-resources/missions-related-scholarships.aspx>

Other Scholarships

SEBTS State Specific Scholarships:

<https://www.sebts.edu/admissions-and-aid/student-resources/state-specific/default.aspx>

SEBTS Kingdom Diversity Scholarship

<https://www.sebtskingdomdiversity.com/scholarships>

SC Baptist Ministry Scholarship

<https://www.scbaptist.org/collegiate/scholarships/>

Charles B. Keesee Scholarship

Description: The Charles B. Keesee Educational Fund provides assistance to Baptist students who are preparing to enter Baptist ministry or religious work in the Baptist denomination. Scholarships are available to students who were residents of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia and Tennessee at least one year prior to initial attendance.

Contact: Keesee Educational Fund, Inc., PO Box 431, Martinsville, VA 24114, (276) 632-2229

<http://cbkeesee.com/doctorofministry.asp>



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