

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY IN URBAN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP (DMIN)

North Park has joined with Fuller Theological Seminary to offer a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) in Urban Ministry Leadership. Students enrolled through North Park will receive a North Park degree. This cohort-based program offers advanced training and theological reflection for pastors and other qualified leaders serving in urban contexts. Students are required to hold an MDiv degree and three years of ministry experience. Students entering with a two-year, at least 60 credit hour, theological master of arts (MA) degree (or its equivalent) from an accredited institution should contact Seminary Admissions for more information on credit and course requirements for this doctor of ministry program. The 48 credit hour program consists of three 12 credit hour core courses, a four credit hour independent study, and an eight credit hour final project.

Learning outcomes for the DMin in Urban Ministry Leadership include the ability to:

1. Undertake critical analysis of the complex historical, social, and cultural contexts of urban ministry
2. Clearly articulate a robust personal theology addressing the challenges of ministry within urban communities and systems
3. Develop and propose practices, methods, and programs applicable to the fruitful leadership of urban congregations

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY IN URBAN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP CORE CURRICULUM

Core Courses

Each core course is a combination of online learning (video conference, print material, synchronous and asynchronous discussion) during the first 10 weeks of the course, an urban ministry encounter for one week in a different city each year, and post urban encounter independent work. Urban encounters will be held in Chicago, Los Angeles, and Atlanta. Onsite learning will include lectures, in-class discussion, and field experiences.

YEAR I Chicago, IL

DURM 8200 Race and Ethnicity in the American Urban Context

YEAR II Los Angeles, CA

DURM 8100 Toward a Theology of Urban Ministry

YEAR III Chicago, IL

DURM 8300 The Practice of Urban Ministry

YEAR IV

DURM 8390 Doctoral Project Proposal

DURM 8400 Doctoral Thesis

Independent Study: Doctoral Project Proposal

This course will prepare the student to complete the final project for the DMin. in Urban Ministry Leadership. The independent research project will guide the student in gathering relevant literature and text for completion of the final project. The course will also require the student to provide a summary paper that integrates the previous three years' course work. Completed in the student's fourth year.

Colloquy Final Project: Doctoral Thesis

The final project is a 125–175-page paper that provides an opportunity for in-depth research and theological reflection on a specific ministry issue (to be determined in consultation with the professor/mentor). Completed in the student's fourth year.