



For the Church in the World

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DOCTOR OF MINISTRY APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Completed form due by:
March 15

(Please print or type)

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
Last Name/Surname First Middle (Name wish to be called)

Name on previous transcript(s) *(if different from above)* _____

Present Address _____

City/State/Zip or Postal Code/Country _____

For matriculation in the academic year beginning September 20____

E-mail _____ Phone () _____

Permanent mailing address *(if different from above)* _____

City/State/Zip or Postal Code/Country _____

Current occupation _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

If not, are you a lawful permanent resident (Green card holder)? Yes No

If neither, of what country are you a citizen? _____ VISA type _____

Social Security Number, if any _____

Denomination (full name) _____

2. RECORD OF PREVIOUS ACADEMIC TRAINING

List **all** colleges, universities, and graduate institutions you have attended. It is the responsibility of the applicant to request that these institutions send official transcripts directly to the Office of Admissions at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Undergraduate:

Name of institution _____ Location _____

Major field(s) of study _____ Attended from ____ To ____ Degree Received _____ Year _____

Name of institution _____ Location _____

Major field(s) of study _____ Attended from ____ To ____ Degree Received _____ Year _____

Name of institution _____ Location _____

Major field(s) of study _____ Attended from ____ To ____ Degree Received _____ Year _____

Graduate:

Name of institution _____ Location _____

Major field(s) of study _____ Attended from ____ To ____ Degree Received _____ Year _____

Name of institution _____ Location _____

Major field(s) of study _____ Attended from ____ To ____ Degree Received _____ Year _____

Name of institution _____ Location _____

Major field(s) of study _____ Attended from ____ To ____ Degree Received _____ Year _____

What academic honors or other awards have you received? _____

3. RECORD OF MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Organization/Congregation _____ Location _____

Position _____ From _____ To _____

Organization/Congregation _____ Location _____

Position _____ From _____ To _____

Organization/Congregation _____ Location _____

Position _____ From _____ To _____

4. PUBLICATIONS

Please list any published articles and books, if any, which you have written or edited (title, date, place, publisher):

5. ESSAYS

In our Doctor of Ministry program, students will articulate advanced understanding of the contemporary church and expressions of culture, and relationships between the two. The degree will enhance ministry competencies in areas such as proclamation, evangelism, education, interfaith relations, and community engagement and advocacy based on personal and vocational interests. Students will gain a deepened capacity for theological reflection on the practices of ministry, especially with respect to social justice and witness.

With this description in mind, please submit the following materials:

1. Describe your reasons for pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree at Union Presbyterian Seminary, your perception of your gifts for service to the church and the world, and areas you hope to develop through this degree program. (800-1,000 words)
2. Choose a contemporary issue that is relevant for you. Describe your perspectives on this issue and how you are engaging this issue in your ministry. How might our D.Min. program enhance your ministry in relation to this issue? (800-1,000 words)
3. Describe the opportunities, challenges, or issues of interest to you as you imagine the focus of your final summative project. What new knowledge and skills would you hope to develop in working on this project? (800-1,000 words)
4. Identify a book you have read in the past year that has had a significant impact on your Christian life and faith and your practice of ministry. What new theological issues emerged from your engagement with this text? What critiques would you have of this book? (1,000-1,200 words)

6. REFERENCES

List the names, with titles, of three persons you have asked to provide academic references. One of these persons should offer an academic reference. The two other persons should be able to speak to your ministry experience. All should address your ability to contribute to and benefit from this program. The applicant is required to send the reference forms found on the website to each of their references.

1. Name _____ Title _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip or Postal Code/Country _____
 E-mail _____ Phone () _____
 Relation to you _____

2. Name _____ Title _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip or Postal Code/Country _____
 E-mail _____ Phone () _____
 Relation to you _____

3. Name _____ Title _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip or Postal Code/Country _____
 E-mail _____ Phone () _____
 Relation to you _____

I understand that in considering my application, Union Presbyterian Seminary may find it helpful to contact sources of information in addition to the references named, for example, knowledgeable persons in my presbytery or the equivalent. I authorize Union Presbyterian Seminary to contact those sources, and I authorize those sources to provide information to allow full consideration of my application. Yes No

Have you communicated with any faculty, staff, alumni/ae, or students of UPSem? If so, with whom and when?

Fee Schedule:

Please note: A non-refundable fee may be required based on the following submission schedule.

Before February 15, 2020: No fee After February 16, 2020: \$50

If you are applying after February 16, 2020, the fee must be submitted with this form.

Application Requirements:

The application will not be considered complete until supporting academic transcripts, references, background check, and/or pertinent examinations have been received. **Please keep copies of material you mail.**

Additional information regarding other requirements may be found at www.upsem.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now.

Return this form to:

Director of Admissions
Union Presbyterian Seminary
3401 Brook Road
Richmond, VA 23227

I have carefully reviewed and completed each section of this application and certify that the information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

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