

## Pastoral Leadership in Homiletics

Word. Image. Energy. Justice. Passion. Weave these strands into effective preaching that meets the demands of our age. In this specialization we are seeking to help pastors gain clarity and insight into the art and craft of preaching, a major function of congregational leadership. Through this program, pastors will develop their gifts in preaching and proclamation of God's work in the world.

Dr. Richard Ward, Fred B. Craddock Associate Professor of Homiletics and Worship, is the coordinator for this specialization. Prior to coming to Phillips, Dr. Ward served on the faculty of Yale Divinity School in the Clement-Muehl chair in Communication Arts and with Fred Craddock on the faculty of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He is the author of *Speaking from the Heart: Preaching with Passion* and *Speaking of the Holy: The Art of Communication in Preaching*. With Fred Craddock and Mike Graves, he co-edited *Craddock Stories*. Dr. Ward also serves on the editorial board for *Feasting on the Word*.

### Program Goals

Graduates of this DMin program will be prepared to:

1. Act as responsible contextual theologians demonstrating advanced skills in biblical studies, history of Christianity, and theology.
2. Exercise advanced skills in homiletics including abilities to:
  - a. articulate an understanding of preaching as a function of pastoral leadership that is grounded in theological and biblical reflection and responsive to the history of Christianity particularly as it is reflected in student's own denominational heritage
  - b. utilize comprehensive analysis of a congregational setting as a tool for understanding the effectiveness of preaching in a given situation
  - c. demonstrate advanced skills in biblical exegesis, sermon construction, and oral and visual communication (e.g., spatial considerations, use of digital and electronic media).
3. Integrate theological research with the praxis of ministry within a particular context and with critical studies in arts, culture and the sciences in order to craft an in-depth study of a specialized area of ministry that will serve the local community and the broader church.

### Overview of Course Schedule

The 32 semester hours of the DMin program in Homiletics are distributed in 3 phases as follows:

**Foundation Phase:** 9 hours in Foundation Courses:

3 hrs	Pastoral Leadership in Context
3 hrs	The Biblical Message and the Praxis of God
3 hrs	Constructive Theology of Ministry

**Specialization Phase:** 16 hours in Specialization Seminars:

4 hrs	Core Homiletic I
4 hrs	Media and the Church
4 hrs	Core Homiletic II
4 hrs	Elective related to DMin project

**Project Phase:** 7 hours in Proposal and Project Courses:

.5 hr	Project Development Seminar I
2.5 hrs	Project Development Seminar II
2 hrs	Project Proposal Course
2 hrs	Project Course

Most courses will be taught in January and June for two-week periods called “**DMin Fortnights.**” These fortnights will begin on Tuesday of the first week and continue through Wednesday or Thursday of the second week (depending upon the required contact hours of each course). On Friday of the second week the Project Development Seminar II will meet (see below).

During DMin Fortnights students and faculty will gather for morning worship at 9:00 a.m. Classes will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with an hour and a half for lunch and appropriate breaks.

The first DMin Fortnight for this specialization is **June 20-July 1, 2011** at the PTS campus in Tulsa. Orientation will begin Monday afternoon, June 20. The first Foundation course, “Pastoral Leadership in Context,” begins Tuesday morning, June 21. Students will be required to read and prepare some assigned materials beforehand.

**The dates for subsequent DMin Fortnights are:**

January 2-13, 2012  
 June 18-29, 2012  
 January 7-18, 2013  
 June 17-28, 2013

**Equipment Requirements**

Students enrolled in the Homiletics specialization will need to have computers that will support one of two programs:

Real Player, which requires:

- 350MHz Intel Pentium II processor or equivalent
- 64 MB of RAM (128 on Windows XP or later)
- 52 MB available disk space
- 28.8Kbps modem (audio only)
- 16-bit sound card and speakers
- 65,000-color video display card set to display at 800x600 (video)
- Windows 98SE, Windows ME, Windows 2000 with Service Pack 2 or later, or Windows XP
- IE 5.0 or later

QuickTime Player, which requires

- A Pentium-processor based PC or compatible computer
- At least 128MB of RAM
- Windows 2000 Service Pack 4 or Windows XP

In addition, students will need some kind of equipment for recording sermons in an electronic video format, i.e., a “Flip” camera or some other digital recording device.

## Tuition and Financial Aid

The tuition rate for all PTS students is \$500.00 per semester hour; all DMin students receive seminary tuition assistance of 35% which decreases their tuition to \$325.00 per semester hour. Service fees for DMin students are \$100.00 per semester.

For students who complete the degree in 4 years (3 semesters per year) the approximate costs would include:

Tuition for 32 hours (at \$325 per hour)	\$10,400
Student fees for 12 semesters	1,200
Continuation Fees	500
Matriculation and graduation fees	<u>130</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,230</b>

## Application Information

Applications are available in the PTS Admissions Office or at the PTS Website. **PLEASE NOTE:** The deadline for application to this track, beginning in June 2011, is **March 15, 2011**.

## Foundation Phase Courses

### 1. Pastoral Leadership in Context

June 20-July 1, 2011

**Instructor: Dr. Nancy Claire Pittman, Associate Professor of the Practice of Ministry and DMin Director**

This course invites students to engage and critique leadership concepts and theories drawn from both Christian traditions and a variety of current disciplines and arenas. Students will also be given opportunities to reflect upon leadership issues within the context of their ministerial settings and in conversation with the material studied in class. Lectures, large and small group discussions of readings, and case studies are among the methods that will be used to achieve the outcomes of the course.

### 2. The Biblical Message and the Praxis of God

January 2-13, 2012

**Instructor: Dr. Dennis E. Smith, LaDonna Kramer Meinders Professor of New Testament Studies**

This course will explore Biblical paradigms that define a theological context for the practice of ministry. The Biblical themes chosen for emphasis in the course may vary from year to year based on the interests and preferences of the professor.

### 3. Constructive Theology of Ministry

June 18-29, 2012

**Instructor: TBA**

The foundational course in theology, required of all DMin students, is designed to clarify and deepen students' theological perspectives as they begin their studies. The course prepares students for the final project by requiring students to situate the vital tasks, practices, and prayer-life of ministry within an explicit theological framework. Readings, in-class work, and assignments will encourage competence in understanding contemporary theological methods and skill in articulating a vision of the Christian faith for our time and context. Issues receiving special attention will include: the process of contextual description, clarity of one's own theological method, awareness of denominational perspective, and attention to the ethical implications of theology for the engagement of society and other religious traditions.

**Specialization Phase Courses:  
Pastoral Leadership in Homiletics  
Specialization Coordinator: Dr. Richard Ward**

**1. Core Homiletic I** **January 7-18, 2013**  
**Instructor: Dr. Richard Ward, Fred B. Craddock Associate Professor  
of Preaching and Worship**

In this course we will build upon the preceding foundational courses in Constructive Theology and biblical hermeneutics by taking a homiletical turn. We will critically examine and assess our embedded theologies and practices of preaching in relationship to emergent ones. The aim is to develop, articulate and embody fresh approaches to the preaching ministry, framing them as *congregational leadership*.

**2. Media and the Church** **June 17-28, 2013**  
**Instructor: Dr. B. Brandon Scott, Darbeth Distinguished Professor of New  
Testament**

Ministry takes place in an intense media environment, sometimes with awareness, often without. This course will involve an extensive investigation into media: what it is and what its history is. We will explore both the critics of media and its supporters. The goal of this course is not primarily to enable the student to use media, but to understand the implications of employing media. A major component of our study will be to understand the ethics of media. Like myth, one either thinks with media or it thinks for you.

**3. Core Homiletic II** **January 6-17, 2014**  
**Instructor: Dr. Richard Ward**

Using the concepts developed in Core Homiletic 1 we will more fully incorporate congregants as participants in the learning process. Students will complete a 'thick description' of their congregational cultures and practices and convene sermon formation and feedback groups from their congregations. The aim will be to become "listening learners" as well as rhetorically effective preachers and congregational leaders.

**4. Elective Course**

Each student, in consultation with the DMin Director and the Director of the Homiletics track, will select or design one course that relates to her or his proposed project. This course may be chosen from MDiv course offerings at PTS (additional work will be required) or DMin Specialization courses for other tracks. It may also consist of an independent study with an appropriate faculty member.

## Project Phase Courses

### 1. Project Development Seminar I

January 13, 2012

**Instructor: Dr. Nancy Claire Pittman**

This course will serve as an introduction to the art and craft of developing a DMin project, methods for research in ministry, and the process of writing a project. Students will participate in this course after completing the second Foundation Course.

### 2. Project Development Seminar II

June 29, 2012

**Instructor: Dr. Nancy Claire Pittman**

This course will meet, on an ongoing basis, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every DMin Fortnight from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This course will be required for all students in the Specialization and Project Phases. Students must participate in a minimum of 5 sessions.

The goal of the Project Development Seminar II is to facilitate peer learning as a tool for achieving clarity about students' research and project interests. Regardless of their year or track in the program, students will meet in seminar format with the DMin Director and one other faculty member to present versions of their proposal to one another, to participate in discussion of the proposals of other students, and to report progress toward completion of the project. Students will also be given opportunity to present materials related to their research interests, ministry settings, and Specialization Track concerns. These materials may take various forms, i.e., case studies, book reviews, sermons, exegetical papers, verbatims, etc.

### 3. Project Proposal Course

This course will be arranged between student and advisor. The reader will also be consulted. When a proposal has been accepted by advisor, reader, and DMin Director, the student will be granted candidacy for the DMin degree.

### 4. Project Course

Students enroll in this course after passing the Project Proposal Course. It is also arranged between student and advisor; again, the reader and DMin Director will be consulted as needed.

## Typical Schedule of Classes for DMin Students In Pastoral Leadership in Homiletics

### First Year:

**June Fortnight 2011**

Pastoral Leadership in Context (3 hrs)

**January Fortnight 2012**

The Biblical Message and the Praxis of God (3 hrs)  
Project Development Seminar I (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday; .5 hr.)

### Second Year:

**June Fortnight 2012**

Constructive Theology of Ministry (3 hrs)

**January Fortnight 2013**

Core Homiletic Seminar I (4 hrs)  
Project Development Seminar II #1 (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, .5 hr.)

### Third Year:

**June Fortnight 2013**

Core Homiletic Seminar II (4 hrs)  
Project Development Seminar II #2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, .5 hr.)

**Fall Semester 2013**

Homiletic Elective (4 hrs; arranged)

**January Fortnight 2014**

Media and the Preaching Task (4 hrs)  
Project Development Seminar II #3 (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, .5 hr.)

**Spring Semester 2014**

Project Proposal Course (2 hrs; arranged)

### Fourth Year:

**June Fortnight 2014**

Project Development Seminar II #4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, .5 hr.)

**Fall Semester 2014**

Project Course (2 hrs; arranged)

**January Fortnight 2015**

Project Development Seminar II #5 (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, .5 hr.)

**Spring Semester 2015**

Project Course (continued; arranged)  
Oral Presentation

**May**

Graduation!!!