

Pastoral Leadership in Church and Society

In this specialization ministers will be offered opportunities to reflect on theoretical and theological themes as they relate to significant cultural issues like gender, race, and interfaith relations and to develop community organizing skills for leading churches and their institutions toward social transformation. A key component of this track will be at least one national or international immersion experience led by a member of the PTS faculty. The specialization coordinator is Dr. Joe Bessler, Robert Travis Peake Associate Professor of Theology. In addition to the Foundation and Project phase courses listed above, students in the Specialization phase will enroll in two required courses taught during a D.Min. Fortnight, a required immersion experience (normally taught during a D.Min. Fortnight), and one elective arranged by the student, the lead professor and the D.Min. director.