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DOCTOR OF MINISTRY MENU

"Combining skill-building and academic rigor, along with faculty who have expertise in the field of Christian spirituality and are committed to living deeply spiritual lives, this program helps students deepen their own lives of prayer while learning to help others do the same."

The Rev. Dr. L. Roger Owens, Hugh Thomson Kerr Professor of Pastoral Theology





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COHORT SIZE

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Priority Deadline: Dec. 5, 2025

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JOIN THE NEXT CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY COHORT

After serving some years of ministry, many people find that not only are their own souls feeling empty but that they never really learned how to help others deepen their lives of prayer, even though this is something they long to do.

The Christian Spirituality Focus gives Doctor of Ministry students the opportunity to explore the depth and breadth of Christian spirituality across time periods, cultures, and contexts. You will also gain key skills to help the people and communities you serve become increasingly open, available, and responsive to the work God is doing in their lives and in the world God loves. You will experience the joy of study in a community of learners, the rejuvenation that comes from attending to your own spiritual life, and the satisfaction of widening the impact of your ministries through preparation for Spiritual Direction in Ministry or Leading Spiritual Formation. The Christian Spirituality Focus attends to spiritual practices across a diverse spectrum of Christian traditions.

TAKING BACK W



Student David Wirt says: "I have been able to take back after each term to my congregation the gifts that I have received here at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary."

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Corinne Cameron is grateful for the D.Min. Program. "It's been a gift to my soul." The cohort model has provided community and support throughout the program.

HOW DO I EARN A CERTIFICATE ALONG WITH THE D.MIN. CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY DEGREE?

All students must be in one-on-one spiritual direction before Intensive II and throughout the remainder of the program and should ideally have experience in one-on-one spiritual direction before the program.

After Intensive II, students seeking a certificate will engage in the ministries of either spiritual direction or spiritual formation with bi-monthly distance peer-supervision sessions.

Spiritual Direction in Ministry: Monthly meetings with at least two directees beginning after Intensive II and continuing for 18 months, with nine peer-supervision sessions.

Leading Spiritual Formation: Monthly leadership of spiritual formation (or equivalent—leading a retreat would count as two months of spiritual formation) beginning after Intensive II and continuing for 18 months, with nine peer-supervision sessions.

Students may choose to receive a DMin in Christian Spirituality without receiving a certificate. In this case, students will not engage in peer-supervised ministry, but will engage in all other practices sessions and complete the DMin project/thesis.

WHAT ARE THE CLASSES LIKE?

Each course will:

Engage students in biblical and theological reflection

Make space for the students to practice prayer and reflect on their own lives of prayer

Attend to how the subject matter of the course is shaped by culture and context and takes diverse expressions

Provide some opportunity for students to relate the subject matter of the course to their own ministry contexts or to the ministries of spiritual direction and spiritual formation

WHAT DO CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY STUDENTS STUDY?



DOING IT DIFFERENT

In Episode 5 of *Doing it Different*, Porsha Williams Gates of Porshanality Media facilitates a discussion with the Rev. Ayana Teter, Dr. Edwin van Driel, and Dr. Roger Owens highlighting faithfulness and adaptability as vital to the work of ministry in this moment and as central to the discussion and learning in the Doctor of Ministry program.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT PITTSBURGH SEMINARY'S D.MIN. PROGRAM

Connect with the Doctor of Ministry Office to learn more about our next Christian Spirituality cohort. We'd love to have you join us! **Apply now** to reserve your space in a future focus. **Financial aid and scholarships are available for those who qualify.**

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