

Pre-Doctoral Program



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Overview

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United has an educational program for students who wish to pursue a Doctor of Ministry degree, but do not have the required Master of Divinity degree.*

The Pre-Doctoral program is designed to prepare students for the Doctor of Ministry program by augmenting previous Master's degree coursework with the religious courses that are required to be considered for admission. This program is perfect for students who have completed a Master's degree in another discipline and seek to expand their ministry by entering the Doctor of Ministry program.

The Pre-Doctoral program offers the courses you need to qualify for what would be comparable to a Master of Divinity degree. Master of Divinity equivalency is defined as 72 graduate semester hours that represent broad-based work in theology, biblical studies and the arts of ministry. A Master's degree and significant ministerial leadership is also required.

*In addition to a Master of Divinity degree, United's doctoral program presupposes three years of ministry experience.

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Courses

The Pre-Doctoral program consists of 24 graduate semester credit hours and qualifies the student to receive a Certificate of Theological Studies upon completion of the courses listed below:

COURSES	CREDIT HRS.
Introduction to the Old Testament (1 and 2)	6
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History of Christianity (1 and 2)	6
Introduction to Theology	3
Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	24

Pre-Doctoral courses are available on-site at our Dayton campus and online via our distance learning program for your convenience.

If additional credit hours are required to meet the 72-hour M.Div. equivalency requirement, elective courses may be added to the courses listed above.

All courses in the Pre-Doctoral Program must be successfully completed with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 before a student may be admitted into the Doctor of Ministry program.

Financial Aid

Financial aid for a Pre-Doctoral student is limited to an unsubsidized Direct loan up to \$5,500 for the first year of study.

For more information regarding financial aid eligibility, deadlines and private loans please visit the financial aid webpage on www.united.edu

Scholarships

Scholarship opportunities are available for the Pre-Doctoral program. The Pre-Doctoral scholarship may be applied toward tuition for the core 24 graduate semester hours in the Pre-Doctoral coursework referred to in the course catalog.

Pre-Doctoral scholarship applications must be received by the published deadline and applicants must meet eligibility requirements for scholarships to be considered.

For more information regarding scholarship deadlines and eligibility requirements, please visit the scholarship webpage on www.united.edu.