



MOUNT ANGEL  
ABB EY & S E M I N A R Y

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY APPLICATION<sup>1</sup>

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant, please complete. **For reporting purposes only:**

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Religious Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Identification: \_\_\_\_\_ (response voluntary)

<sup>1</sup> Please contact the Director of the Doctor of Ministry program, Dr. Shawn Keough, for current information about the Doctor of Ministry and to schedule an interview. [Shawn.Keough@mtangel.edu](mailto:Shawn.Keough@mtangel.edu), 503-845-3579. Mr. Terence Merritt, Registrar, is available to assist you with this application. [Terence.Merritt@mtangel.edu](mailto:Terence.Merritt@mtangel.edu), 503-845-3564. Application may be found on the [website](#).

### Educational Background

DMin entrance requirement: Possess an accredited master's degree in a ministry-related field with a cumulative GPA of not less than 3.00.

College/University Attended	Dates Attended	Major	Grade/Degree

Approximate average GPA in graduate work: \_\_\_\_\_

Which studies did you like best? \_\_\_\_\_

Least? \_\_\_\_\_

Honors and awards: \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign languages. Indicate speaking/writing facility: \_\_\_\_\_

DMin entrance requirement: Be proficient in English. If English is not the first language of the applicant, he/she is required to take appropriate testing in English to verify the ability to engage in studies at the DMin level.<sup>2</sup>

If applicable, please identify which of the following tests you have taken and their scores:

TOEFL Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

TOEFL Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ TOEFL Listening: \_\_\_\_\_

TOEFL Speaking: \_\_\_\_\_ TOEFL Writing: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>2</sup> See [Mount Angel Seminary Catalog](#) for the Doctor of Ministry Entrance requirements and the English Language Admissions Requirements.

## Ministry Experience

DMin entrance requirement: A minimum of three years of full-time service in pastoral ministry (or the demonstrable equivalent of three years of full-time service).

Are you ordained? Yes    No            If yes, deacon    priest    bishop

If yes, for which (arch)diocese? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a religious community? Yes    No

If yes, of which community? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your educational or ministry related goals motivating your application for the DMin program?

List chronologically the professional ministry positions you have held.

Employer	Dates	Type of Work

List chronologically the volunteer ministry positions you have held.

Site	Dates	Type of Work

### **Additional Information**

To what neighborhood, civic, social, or service organizations do you belong?

Do you belong to any professional organizations?

How do you plan to finance your education?

Why have you selected Mount Angel Seminary?

## References

The applicant will request letters of recommendation from the following persons to be sent directly to Mount Angel Seminary:

### **Pastor/Priest / Religious Superior / Spiritual Director**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Professor / Teacher / Academic Advisor / Witness to academic ability**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Employer / Supervisor in a ministry setting (preferably most current)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

The letters of recommendation should address the applicant's suitability for the DMin program in terms of ministerial experience and academic ability while commenting on the candidate's personal and spiritual maturity, integration of theology with pastoral ministry, leadership capacity, and ability to identify and respond to ministry issues.

I acknowledge that no material information about me relative to this application has been withheld and that the information I have supplied is correct to the best of my knowledge. I further confirm that I make this application of my own free will.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

Applicant, please send completed application and supporting materials to:

Mr. Terence Merritt, Registrar  
Mount Angel Seminary  
1 Abbey Drive  
St. Benedict, OR 97373

or

[Terence.Merritt@mtangel.edu](mailto:Terence.Merritt@mtangel.edu)

Send letters of recommendation and official transcripts directly to the above address.

## Mount Angel Seminary

### Doctor of Ministry Application Requirements<sup>3</sup>

Applicants seeking admission to the Mount Angel Seminary Doctor of Ministry degree program must complete and submit the following:

1. A completed application form.
2. A recent photo of the applicant.
3. A copy of the applicant's valid photo ID, e.g., a driver's license or passport.
4. Official transcript(s) certifying that the applicant has earned an accredited master's degree in a ministry-related area.
5. A typed essay which provides a narrative of the candidate's background in pastoral ministry and ministerial goals or aspirations in respect of the Doctor of Ministry degree.

In this essay, the candidate should also comment on and give examples of his/her:

- a. Ability to thoughtfully interpret scripture and the theological tradition of his/her ministry context.
  - b. Capacity to understand and adapt ministry to its cultural context.
  - c. Self-understanding of his/her ministerial identity and vocational calling.
  - d. Readiness to engage in ongoing personal and spiritual formation for ministry.
6. Three (3) letters of recommendation concerning the applicant's suitability for the program as described in the application page 5.

In addition,

- a. A priest applicant submits a Testimonial of Suitability and a letter from his bishop affirming financial support of the applicant and his freedom to pursue the DMin degree.
  - b. A member of a religious community submits a letter from his/her religious superior indicating he/she is in good standing and affirming financial support of the applicant and his/her freedom to pursue the DMin degree.
7. An interview with the Director of the Doctor of Ministry program.
  8. A signed Attestation of Truthfulness form.
  9. A signed Release of Information form.
  10. A completed Permission to Procure a Criminal Background Check form (either domestic or international). The seminary will initiate the required background check.
  11. A non-refundable background check fee: \$25.00 for US only or \$125 for international students.
  12. A non-refundable \$100.00 application fee.

All application materials and fees should be submitted by **March 30** of the first intended year of attendance. Applications received after March 30 may be considered.

Send application materials to:

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Mount Angel Seminary  
1 Abbey Drive  
St. Benedict, OR 97373

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<sup>3</sup>Named forms as well as the application may be found on the Mount Angel Abbey and Seminary website: <https://www.mountangelabbey.org/seminary/admissions/>

To submit the fees, enclose a personal check or money order payable to Mount Angel Seminary.