



## Doctoral Ministry—DMin Program Requirements

Applicants to the Doctor of Ministry degree program are required to have completed:

### **Church/Pastoral Recommendation**

All applicants should obtain an official endorsement from their local church. This can be submitted electronically through the Secretariat Office and the Ministerial Department. The "Recommendation Letter" is part of the standard application requirement. The endorsement letter should be from the local church where the pastor's membership resides.

### **Southern New England Conference Expectations and Responsibilities**

To apply for the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Program, candidates are encouraged to have at least three years of ministry experience after completing their first graduate theological degree. New employees assigned to a church district not enrolled in the (DMin) program are invited to wait one full calendar year before applying. This allows them time to gain valuable experience in their new role before pursuing further education. When considering exceptions to this expectation, the AdCom Committee is happy to consider how many years of ministerial practice and experience you gained after finishing your Masters of Divinity (MDiv) or Masters in Pastoral Ministry (MAPMin). We also want to understand the specific nature of your ministry within your church district community with the Southern New England Conference. Your unique experiences matter to us!

All candidates applying for the DMin program must demonstrate a solid commitment to professional ministry, irrespective of their elder's ordination status. This commitment should align with the expectations and responsibilities specified in the relevant pastoral job description provided by the Southern New England Conference.

Please submit electronic application requirements via the Southern New England Conference Ministerial Department and Executive Secretary's email.

*Please note: The Southern New England Conference provides opportunities to participate in educational programs; however, availability is limited to three pastors at a time.*

You can submit applications on April 1st to one year before starting the program. The review begins when the AdCom Committee opens and continues until capacity is reached, at which point the applicant will be placed on a waiting list.

For assistance or questions, don't hesitate to contact the Office of the Secretariat or the Ministerial Department at the Southern New England Conference at (978)-365-4551.