The Doctor of Ministry Program is a cohort model degree program for students seeking to enhance their ministry. The program consists of five (5) terms, each beginning with a week-long intensive residential session. The program then transitions, each term, to a synchronous online format. After the five terms of course work, students continue to enroll in “continuation” until the student’s final thesis has been approved.

**Registration**

Students enroll in classes three times a year by utilizing DukeHub. The Academic Programs Office has a staff member who provides academic support to students navigating the registration system. Students must also enroll in a “continuation” course after completing the five terms of course work.

**Lockers**

The Student Life Office has lockers available for Doctor of Ministry students to use while they are enrolled in the program. A student can access the lockers by contacting Cathy Watson (cwatson@div.duke.edu) and filling out the necessary paperwork.

**The Center for Writing and Academic Support**

The Center for Writing and Academic Support provides general assistance with writing assignments (tutors can assess students’ individual writing skills and recommend ways to improve papers), as well as a dedicated tutor to assist Doctor of Ministry students in the composition of their Statement of Interest (SOI) and in the preliminary stages of thesis writing. Students in need of more extensive assistance when writing their thesis should contact the Director of the Center for a list of freelance editors. Learn more about these resources [here](#).

**Students with Disabilities**

A student who has a disability may request reasonable accommodation through Duke University’s Student Disability Access Office ([https://access.duke.edu/](https://access.duke.edu/)). Duke Divinity School implements all reasonable accommodations as approved by the Student Disability Access Office. The Academic Programs Office can provide additional information as needed regarding the registration process ([academics@div.duke.edu](mailto:academics@div.duke.edu)).

**Financial Aid**

The Divinity Financial Aid Office manages students’ accounts and provides scholarships related to the Doctor of Ministry Program.

- Yearly tuition is charged for two years over six enrollment terms
- Bills are normally due August 1, January 1, and mid-May
- Tuition scholarships of 25% are awarded to each admitted student and are automatically credited to students’ accounts for each term
- A Financial Aid Award Notification will be sent prior to enrollment for each academic year, normally in the summer
- After the two years of coursework, students are charged a continuation fee each term until graduation

Questions should be directed to the Office of Financial Aid at 919-660-3441 or [financialaid@div.duke.edu](mailto:financialaid@div.duke.edu)

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