



SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

Doctor of Ministry Studies

Application for Admission

BEESON DIVINITY SCHOOL
SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Major _____ Graduate Major _____

Do you feel that your academic record provides an accurate index of your scholastic abilities? Yes No

If not, please explain. _____

Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action for scholastic or other reasons in any of the schools you have attended?

Yes No If yes, please attach a statement of the details.

Denomination _____

Church of Membership _____
(Name) (Location)

Place of Ministry/Employment _____

Position or Title _____

Office address _____

Office phone () _____

Vocational Ministry Experience (please attach current resume)

| Term of Service | Position | Status (Full or Part-Time) | Church or Location |
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Emergency Contact Information is vital to your health and safety. Consequently, the information you provide below must be accurate and current. This information will be used by authorized University personnel and only in case of emergency.

Primary Contact (Parent/Guardian/Spouse)

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State/Province) (Zip)

Phone () _____ Phone () _____
Residential Work or Cellular

Secondary Contact (other than Parent/Guardian/Spouse)

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State/Province) (Zip)

Phone () _____ Phone () _____
Residential Work or Cellular

I certify that I have given full and complete information in this application and have listed each college and/or seminary I have attended. If admitted, I agree to abide by the standards of conduct as outlined in the Divinity School Bulletin.

Signature _____

Date _____

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This form, along with a non-refundable \$50 application fee, should be returned to:

**Doctor of Ministry Studies
Beeson Divinity School, Samford University
800 Lakeshore Drive
Birmingham, AL 35229-2252**

Admission Requirements

Doctor of Ministry Studies – Beeson Divinity School

Prerequisites for Admission

1. Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent from an accredited school, with a grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Probationary admission is possible with a grade point average of at least 2.75.
2. Must be currently engaged in vocational Christian ministry, with a minimum of three years full-time ministry experience since completing the Master of Divinity degree. (Applicants who do not meet this prerequisite may appeal for special consideration. Exceptions may be made in certain circumstances, as determined by the D.Min admission committee.)

Application

1. Application and non-refundable application fee of \$50
2. Official transcript from every college and seminary attended
3. Recommendation forms completed by designated references
4. Current resume
5. Ministry reflection paper (see Guidelines for Papers insert)
6. Autobiographical essay (see Guidelines for Papers insert)
7. Personal interview with a member of the D.Min. Committee and/ or the D.Min. Director
8. Acceptable score on TOEFL (if applicable).

The deadline for application is **March 1** for admission to the following summer term.

Guidelines for Papers

D. Min. Application Process

Ministry Reflection Paper

The admissions committee wishes to determine an applicant's capacity to reflect theologically on a ministry issue; to articulate a biblical response to the ministry issue; and to express these things clearly in a written form. Write a paper of 10-12 pages (not including your bibliography page), double-spaced, in which you reflect on one of the following ministry issues: conflict, leadership, spiritual formation of church members, philosophy of ministry, the role of preaching in church health, or pastoral care in times of crisis.

The paper must include the following elements:

1. Briefly describe this topic as you see it in today's church culture.
2. Provide a biblical/theological foundation for addressing the topic, focusing on exegesis and exposition of specific biblical passages.
3. Provide a personal application section for your current ministry context.
4. Utilize a minimum of four commentaries and four biblical/theological sources.
5. A minimum of ten sources must be cited in footnote references.
6. The paper must be paginated.
7. A bibliography is to be included in the paper.
8. Please use Turabian format (*A Manual for Writers, 7th ed.*).

Note: If you are more familiar with another style manual (e.g. APA), you may use it. Please note the manual you are using.

Autobiographical Essay

Write a paper of no more than seven typed, double-spaced pages in which you address these topics:

1. Your conversion experience
2. Your call to ministry
3. Your ministry experience
4. Your goals for personal and professional development in ministry.