



INSTITUTE OF MINISTERIAL STUDIES

Lay Ministry Program

What is the Institute of Ministerial Studies Lay Ministry Program?

Denver Seminary's Institute of Ministerial Studies Lay Ministry Program is designed to equip and support adult men and women to serve more confidently in positions of leadership in their church, Christian organization, or place of work. Students completing the year-long program receive 18 credit hours transcribed by Colorado Christian University, and are presented with three options: (1) they can apply for entrance into Denver Seminary's graduate degree programs through the Undergraduate Exemption program; (2) they can apply those 18 credits to any of Colorado Christian University's undergraduate degree programs; (3) they can apply what they learned in their place of employment or ministry.

Classes are taught cohort style by Denver Seminary adjunct professors. Our vision is to offer the option to customize the intensive track to fulfill the following concentrations:

- Lay Counseling
- Preaching
- Chaplaincy
- Youth and Family

This program will provide leaders with:

- A foundation on which to conduct proper biblical exegesis.
- A biblical/theological framework on the essential doctrines of the Christian faith.
- A theoretical framework and foundation in leadership and ministry issues from a biblical perspective.
- Practical skills and tools to lead and manage increasingly complex ministries.
- Preparation for seminary level education, advanced undergraduate studies, local church or marketplace ministry.
- Foundational essentials for ministry credentialing (licensure or ordination).

STRUCTURE

"Whether you're just starting out or have years of ministry experience; this program will elevate your understanding of the God of the Bible and transform your life and ministry. The Cohort style classes create a fellowship in which your classmates become your family!" —Rev. Michael Davis II, Class of 2019

Course Schedule

Fall

- Session 1: IN 101 Research Methods & Writing Skills
- Session 2: BI 101 Effective Biblical Interpretation
- Session 3: TH101 Survey of Christian Doctrine

Spring

- Session 4: HOM 101 Sermon Preparation and Delivery
- Session 5: PME 101 Growing in Christian Ministry & Leadership
- Session 6: PME 102 Pastoral Counseling and Ethics

Weekend Seminars (Fall & Spring)

- Spiritual Formation in Ministry
- Counseling Practices
- Effective Communication in Ministry
- Pastoral Care and Ministry

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Dr. Felix Gilbert serves Denver Seminary as Director of the Urban Initiatives and assistant professor of pastoral ministries. Dr. Gilbert received his DMin from Denver Seminary with an emphasis on leadership and preaching. He also received his MDiv from Denver Seminary, and BS from Colorado Christian University. Dr. Gilbert served the Ogilvie Institute for preaching at Fuller Seminary as a Micah Group Facilitator from 2010 to 2017. He also developed and implemented a lay training program to equip leaders for effectiveness in ministry. Dr. Gilbert also serves as the senior pastor of Restoration Christian Fellowship, a church he and his wife planted in 1999.

**For more information or to apply for the
Lay Ministry program visit
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