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in the world.

## Our Mission

Denver Seminary Urban Initiatives prepares men and women to engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture in a manner that is sincere, passionate, compassionate, contextualized, and Spirit-led.

Through our educational programs and mentoring process the Urban Initiatives challenges leaders in Denver's urban context to grow spiritually, intellectually, and professionally in order to lead God's people in the accomplishment of God's mission in the world.

## Our Vision

The Urban Initiatives is focused on being an academic bridge to:

### Expand

Expand the presence of students of color in Denver Seminary degree programs.

### Enhance

Enhance the overall experience of students of color through support activities and services.

### Extend

Extend the educational resources of Denver Seminary into Denver's urban communities.

## The Approach for Realizing Our Vision

### Expand

This vision will be realized by fostering intentional relationship with pastors and church leaders in the urban context and by creating pathways to expand the presence of students of color at Denver Seminary through connecting events and conferences.


### The Gathering Leadership Conference

The Gathering Leadership Conference provides a "gathering" of pastors and ministry leaders in the urban context to equip them in a contextualized manner by providing insights on current ministry trends and leadership principles.

### Institute of Ministerial Studies Leadership Intensive

A practical follow up to the Gathering, four leadership intensives are offered that reinforce and provide tactics to implement the principles attendees received at the Gathering Leadership Conference.





The Urban Initiatives embraces all people in urban Denver while focusing on black people of varying ethnic backgrounds by being an academic bridge between the Seminary and Denver's urban centers.

### Enhance

#### Denver Seminary's Black Student Fellowship

BSF is a student led and governed body of black students that exists to enhance the overall experience of black students through support activities and services on the seminary campus.

### Extend

**Institute of Ministerial Studies** extends the educational resources of Denver Seminary into the urban context through its certificate programs which are accredited by Colorado Christian University.

#### Graduate Certificate

All classes are taught by Denver Seminary's professors are fully accredited by ATS, and are conducted cohort style for the duration of the program.

Graduate Certificate are offered with the following concentrations:

- Theology
- Preaching
- Counseling
- Chaplaincy

#### Certificate

The Certificate programs are taught cohort style by Denver Seminary adjunct professors. Upon completion, graduates can apply for entrance to the seminary through its undergraduate exemption program for one of the graduate certificate program.

Certificates are offered with the following concentrations:

- Lay Ministry Training
- Lay Counseling
- Chaplaincy
- Preaching



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