

## **The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia Doctor of Ministry (DMin)**

The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia is a seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Begun in 1864, the seminary is fully accredited by ATS (Association of Theological Schools) and MSA (Middle States Association) to offer several degrees; including: MDiv, MAR, DMin, STM and PhD.

### **Opportunities for US Military Chaplains**

The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP) DMin program offers helpful flexibility for either active or reserve chaplains. We have a track record of excellence in the DMin program for more than 30 years, and have a number of military chaplains from several branches of the Service already in the program. The degree can be completed within three years on a part time basis. The DMin is an elective based program that allows students to choose their own area of focus and a variety of ways to take course; which includes five day intensive courses, distance learning courses, and independent studies.

#### **Requirements:**

- Colloquia I & II: Colloquium I (30 contact hours) will introduce you to the requirements of the DMin program, and help develop the Student Learning Goals. Colloquium II (20 contact hours) is intended to help you begin planning for your DMin Ministry Project. These are residential four-day programs offered every June.
- Eight Courses (three of which must be in the focus area e.g. pastoral care, preaching, etc.).
- The evaluation of Student Learning Goals via a Student Candidacy Assessment.
- An on-site visit report which may be completed by superior officer.
- The completion of a Project-in-Ministry (focusing on some aspect of Military Chaplaincy).

#### **Opportunities for US Military Chaplains (Reserve or Active):**

- LTSP will provide two courses of advanced standing for military chaplaincy training coursework (e.g. Joint Military Operations and National Security Decision Making for the US Navy; and Pastor as Military Chaplain and Chaplain in a Pluralistic Setting for the US Army).
- LTSP accepts evaluations from a superior officer attesting to quality of chaplaincy ministry, in lieu of an on-site visit.
- LTSP allows unlimited leave from the DMin program during deployment (with no fees required during that period) with the resumption of one's program when deployment ends.
- Military Chaplains may utilize the Advanced Graduate Certificate for professional certifications.
- The required Colloquia can be arranged via distance education.

- LTSP offers 3-4 Distance Learning Courses each year.
- LTSP offers 10-12 five-day intensive residential courses each year.
- LTSP allows up to two Independent Studies to be done under faculty supervision in your current chaplaincy assignment.
- LTSP encourages a project-in-ministry (thesis) related to your current military chaplaincy or, if you are nearing the end of your chaplaincy, then a project related to the ministry for which you are preparing.
- We are ready to guide students and work with projects from a distance. We can guide your program and your project-thesis wherever you are in the world.
- Student reviews and oral examinations with the Advisor and committee may be done via telephone conference or other electronic communication.
- The program provides access to the three-libraries-under-one-roof of the [Eastern Cluster of Theological Schools](#). (Books can be ordered and mailed out to matriculated students.)

More information on the LTSP DMin is available at: <http://www.ltsp.edu/dmin>

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