

Soul Care For Pastors, Chaplains, & Clinicians

Wesley Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry Program • May 2024

Application Deadline: February 15, 2024

This track focuses on the theoretical and practical tools necessary for more effective and reflective ministry in care and counseling. Strong emphasis on biblical and theological foundations combined with current theory and best practices. Students will grow in the ability to reflect as pastoral theologians and in the ability to respond to pressing human needs as skilled caregivers. Up to two units of CPE taken during matriculation may be designated as fulfilling the D.Min. elective requirement.

- Students will be able to analyze biblical texts and reflect theologically in the practice of pastoral care and counseling.
- Students will be able to engage constructively with perennial issues and current trends in the theory and practice of pastoral care and counseling.



Class schedule:

May 7-10, 2024

Foundations and New Directions in Soul Care

Dr. Michael Koppel

September 3-October 18, 2024 (online)

Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling

TBD

January 6-10, 2025 (online)

The Bible and Soul Care Practices

Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins

January 13-17, 2025

Sexuality and Pastoral Care

Dr. Rob Vaughn

May 13-16, 2025

Theological Foundations for Soul Care

Dr. Beverly Mitchell

May 19-23, 2025

Pastoral Assessment, Diagnosis, and Psychopathology

Dr. Doug Thorpe

January 12-16, 2026

Contemporary Issues in Soul Care

Dr. Michael Koppel

In addition, students are required to complete two elective courses from several classroom and online options as well as the required Project Seminar. The Project Seminar is offered January and May on campus and Summer and Fall online. Students need to have completed 24 credit hours, which must include the core courses, to register for the Project Seminar.

Professors:

Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins is Professor of Hebrew Bible and Woodrow W. and Mildred B. Miller Professor of Biblical Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Michael S. Koppel is Howard Chandler Robbins Professor of Pastoral Theology and Congregational Care at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Beverly Mitchell is the Professor of Historical Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Douglas M. Thorpe is Director of Education and Clinical Services at the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care.

Dr. Rob Vaughn is Adjunct Faculty at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Estimated Graduation: May 2027

Apply by February 15, 2024

For more information and to apply, please contact:

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