



Application

Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Development

The school from which you wish to earn the Doctor of Ministry Degree:

Seabury Western Theological Seminary Church Divinity School of the Pacific

Proposed First Residency 2011 2012 2013

(Please see deadline information at end of application.)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Other names by which you may be known: _____

Spouse/partner's name: _____

Names and ages of children at home: _____

Present mailing address

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Country USA Other

Permanent mailing address (if different)

Street: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Country: USA Other

Phone Number (Preferred): _____

Phone Number (Alternate): _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yy) _____

Citizenship (if not U.S.) _____

Religious Denomination: _____

Number of years ordained or other professional ministry: _____



ACADEMIC BACKGROUND - GRADUATE AND/OR PROFESSIONAL

List all post-secondary institutions you have attended (College/University, Graduate and/or Professional Schools, Seminaries, etc.); Transcripts are to be sent to Peggy R. Pearson, Seabury Western Theological Seminary, 2122 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201

Name of Institution	State	Major Field	Degree/Diploma	Date Received (mm/yyyy)
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
6. _____				
7. _____				
8. _____				

TOEFL (FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

Have you taken the TOEFL?

Yes. Date Taken _____

No. I plan to take it on (mm/dd/yy) _____

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

List continuing education (post-seminary) courses and programs beginning with the most recent.

Institution or Sponsor	Location	Type of Program Course of Study	From (mm/yyyy)	To (mm/yyyy)
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
6. _____				
7. _____				

DENOMINATIONAL/JUDICATORY EXPERIENCE

List current denominational (diocesan or other judicatory) responsibilities, beginning with the one most important to you.

Name of Diocese/ Judicatory	Type and Nature of Responsibility (e.g. Task force, etc.)
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

List ministry/employment positions held, beginning with the most recent.

Position Employer/ Organization	Address	From (mm/yyyy)	To (mm/yyyy)
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List current community activities beginning with the one most important to you.

Name of Activity	Type and Nature of Responsibility
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Identify several previous professional and/or community involvement activities in which you were engaged and which are of major importance to you.

Name of Activity	Type and Nature of Responsibility
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

REFERENCES

Provide the names and addresses of at least three references, including the following:

- 1. Someone who supervises, or has supervised your work; 2. A peer; 3. Someone with whom you minister and/or supervise; and 4. A faculty member (optional)

References are to be sent to Peggy R. Pearson, Seabury Western Theological Seminary, 2122 Sheridan Road., Evanston, IL 60201. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure references are sent.

Name	Address	City	State	Zip
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

WAIVER

This application and attendant letters of reference are supplied solely for the purpose of admission to Seabury Western Theological Seminary or Church Divinity School of the Pacific. The schools usually find that letters which are confidential are more helpful to the admissions process; be sure to indicate on the reference request form as well whether you waive or do not waive your right of access to those letters of recommendation.

I hereby waive do not waive my right of access to letters of recommendation.

Signature Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

DEADLINES

Completed applications, including letters of reference, Personal/Professional Statements, Ministry Focus Statements and transcripts from all previous academic institutions (whether or not the institution granted you a degree) are due by May 1 for June admission. However, we advise getting all materials in well ahead of the deadline to allow plenty of time to purchase books and complete the pre-course assignments.

CERTIFICATION

I understand that all materials submitted in connection with this application are to be the property of Church Divinity School of the Pacific and Seabury Western Theological Seminary, and are not returnable. Materials which I have submitted become the basis for my permanent file and as such are available to me for review, except those parts to which I have waived access. I understand that Seabury, as a member of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools, and CDSP, as a member of the Graduate Theological Union, reserve the right to obtain and share information with other ACTS and GTU schools.

I certify that the content of this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Save your information and submit this form to: peggy.pearson@seabury.edu.
Or print and mail to: Peggy Pearson, Seabury Western Theological Seminary, 2122 N. Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201

Part II

PERSONAL AND MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT STATEMENTS

Instructions: For each of the following five inquiries, please compose a response that is not more than one page (500 words). All written essays should be emailed as attachments to peggy.pearson@seabury.edu and/or mailed to her attention at Seabury Western Theological Seminary, 2122 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201.

1. Describe your personal and professional development in ministry.
2. What are some of the critical issues in your professional ministry? Please consider the following in your response:
 - What have been your successes and failures?
 - What aspects of your ministry have interested you the most? How do your interests overlap with your successes and failures?
 - What tools or skills that you possess have contributed to the success of your ministry?
 - Which ones remain underutilized? (Examples: models of preaching, community outreach, pre-marital counseling, pastoral administration, lay formation, etc.)
3. What direction would you like to see your personal and professional ministry take?
4. What are the needs for development in your current ministry setting? (Examples: Congregation, diocese/ judicatory, community of faith.) With reference to the direction you identified in Question #3 consider the following:
 - Which skills or tools should you develop or improve?
 - What areas of study do you think would aid this development? (Examples: community organization, missional liturgy, organizations/ systems analysis, etc.)
 - What sort of research project might provide a suitable integration of your studies with your current ministry setting? (Examples: a study of one particular idea or issue and its relationship to your ministry setting, a manual for leadership skills in the parish, an adult education course, sociological or cultural study of your congregation's neighborhood, etc.)
5. How do you envision the DMin in Congregational Development program helping you achieve your goals?



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MINISTRY FOCUS STATEMENT

A carefully formulated ministry focus statement is an important step in applying for the Seabury - CDSPP DMin in Congregational Development program. The statement will enable the school to determine whether or not this program is the one best suited to the student's interest. Finally — and most importantly — writing such a statement will help the applicant to clarify his or her purpose in doing the DMin and to sharpen the focus and implementation of the program. The statement we are asking for now should be seen as preliminary. During the program itself, coursework and learning with peers will help deepen the student's understanding of ministry. It should be about 300 words long and contain three components.

1. It should articulate an area in the practice of ministry which comes out of the applicant's current setting and experience and in which the applicant wishes to grow.
2. It should offer a sketch of how the applicant intends to accomplish this growth: areas of study such as organization/ systems theory or multi-cultural engagement; skills to be honed, such as non-profit management; and types of research methods to be used, such as structured feedback sessions or qualitative research. A brief rationale for these choices should be included.
3. Finally, the statement should suggest a DMin research project which grows out of study of the ministry focus and which will contribute to the life of the church and its ministry. This component need not be detailed nor is the applicant bound to it absolutely. The experience of course work and studying with peers will help to shape and finalize the DMin project. But there should be a thoughtful attempt to find a project idea that will test the ministry focus and show its relevance to the practice of ministry.

To write a clear ministry focus statement in 300 words which will include the above components is not an easy task and it normally will require several revisions before it is adequate. Most applicants have discovered that filling out Part II of the application form is a helpful prelude to writing the focus statement. Difficult as writing such a statement can be, it is an invaluable guide for the program and, in the event of admission, will help the student make wise choices each step along the way.