



Southern Asia Bible College

**Doctor of Ministry
Prospectus**

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Greetings from Southern Asia Bible College!

You are part of the growing number of Christian leaders who desire to develop their ministry gifts and understandings by pursuing doctoral studies while remaining active in their present ministry context. For women and men like you, Southern Asia Bible College (SABC) has developed an in-service Doctor of Ministry degree program, in collaboration with the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS), USA. The program aims to equip servant leaders with knowledge, skill and passion to revitalize the church and evangelize the world in the power of the Spirit.

This Prospectus will provide information about the college policies, procedures, and services related to the Doctor of Ministry program. We trust that this will answer many of your questions as you begin applying to the program.

If you have any further questions or clarifications regarding your application for admission, please feel free to contact our office at 080-28465431 or e-mail us at sabcdmin@hotmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you soon. It is our desire that the Doctor of Ministry program will produce “leaders worth following”.

In His Service

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SABC Profile

Vision and Mission Statement

The vision of SABC is to see God glorified in Southern Asia through the transforming ministry of anointed and equipped servant-leaders.

Our mission is to develop leaders for the transforming ministry of the church in Southern Asia through quality education with a Pentecostal emphasis.

Location

The college is located in Kothanur, which is 13 km north-east of the city centre. Bangalore, popularly known as the “Silicon Valley of India”, is the principal administrative, commercial, educational and industrial centre of the southern state of Karnataka.

Campus

Our 21-acre campus includes an administrative block which houses faculty and business offices, hostels for men and women, apartments for married students, lecture halls, an auditorium, a beautiful chapel, a spacious cafeteria, sports facilities and the Cawston Learning Resource Center with over 40,000 volumes of books, bound periodicals and other audio-visual resources.

Association and Accreditation

SABC has membership in the following associations`:

- Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI)
- Association for Evangelical Theological Education in India (AETEI)
- Asia Theological Association (ATA)
- Assemblies of God Association for Theological Education in Southern Asia (AGATESA)

Faculty

The faculty for the Doctor of Ministry program comes from AGTS, SABC and elsewhere. Who have a rich background in ministry and education and are also committed to the Pentecostal dimension of Christianity in belief and practice

Doctrinal Statement

Southern Asia Bible College is an integral part of the world-wide fellowship of the Assemblies of God and adheres to its statement of faith.

We believe

- the Bible is the inspired and only infallible, authoritative, written Word of God.
- there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in his virgin birth, in his sinless life, in his miracles, in his vicarious and atoning death, in his bodily resurrection, in his ascension to the right hand of the Father, in his personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule an thousand years.
- in the blessed hope – the rapture of the church at Christ's coming.
- the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.
- regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.
- in water baptism by immersion.
- the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body, in answer to

- believing prayer.
- the baptism in the Holy Spirit is given to believers who ask for it.
- in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life.
- in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to eternal damnation.

Program Overview

The Doctor of Ministry program is a professional degree intended for women and men who are actively engaged in full-time Christian ministry. The primary purpose of the program is to enhance the participants' professional competence in the particular area of their gifts and calling. The program aims to be practical in nature while at the same time is committed to maintaining high academic standards and providing a sound biblical and theological base for the practice of ministry. The program seeks to integrate learning into the context of each participant's ministry and is shaped to meet personal needs.

Opportunities for personal and spiritual growth are woven into the fabric of the entire program. One dynamic element of the program is involvement in a Doctor of Ministry cohort (batch). Each cohort is comprised of select individuals from a variety of ministry backgrounds. The cohort remains together for the first three years of the program allowing deep and meaningful relationships to be formed. "As iron sharpens iron", this group experience provides an incredible peer learning environment - one that will challenge and motivate participants to take their spirituality and ministries to the next level of growth and influence.

The program focuses on developing strong Christian leadership. In contemporary society, vital and growing churches will demand Spirit-anointed, effective leadership. If leaders expect to remain on the cutting edge of complex, demanding, and ever changing ministry, they must prepare themselves now. SABC's D. Min. program is designed to expand the influence of its participants by equipping them to be "leaders worth following".

Program Goals

The D.Min. experience focuses on giving participants the opportunity to expand their influence by growing into ministers who are:

Self-Aware: a consistent commitment to cultivating the disciplines of self-leadership, personal spirituality, and integrity

Holistically Pentecostal: a deepening historical and theological appreciation of the Pentecostal-Charismatic tradition leading to a distinctively Spirit-empowered ministry

Professionally Mature: an increasing competency for effective leadership, preaching or other ministry

Academically Integrative: a growing ability to utilize the insights of both biblical and practical theology, as well as the social and behavioral sciences

Globally Aware: an expanding awareness of the implications of globalization for Christian ministry

Peer Networking: a mutually beneficial networking of long-term personal connections with other ministry professionals

Missionally Engaged: a renewed emphasis on the priorities of evangelism and world mission within the overall ministry of the church

Research Contributors: an enduring service to the larger Church through the publication of a Professional Project

Curricular Design

The Doctor of Ministry curriculum has three primary components:

1. Core courses that establish and enrich the participant's foundation for effective ministry.
2. Elective courses that offer in-depth training in specific areas relevant to the practice of ministry.
3. A Project Design course that prepares the participant to write a professional project integrating and applying significant program learning in a ministry context and enriching the larger Church through publication.

Program Schedule

The Doctor of Ministry is an in-service degree meaning that it is completed while participants remain active in ministry. The program is designed in one-week modules offered three times per year—June, October and February. These one-week residential modules are preceded by personal reading/preparation and are followed by written projects that apply course materials to participants' ministries. The program consists of nine modules, as well as additional time to complete the D. Min. project. Thus, in its entirety, the degree will take approximately four years to complete.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for the Doctor of Ministry program must meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant must have earned a Master of Divinity degree or its academic equivalent with a minimum of second class.
2. The applicant must give evidence of ability to do doctoral level work.
3. The applicant must have had at least five years of full-time ministry experience following the completion of the first graduate theological degree.
4. The applicant must currently be involved in a full-time ministry context (pastor, teacher, missionary, denominational or para-church organizational leader, chaplain, evangelist, counselor, etc.).

Academic Policies and Procedures

Master of Divinity Equivalency

Master of Divinity equivalency is defined as the completion of 90 credit hours of graduate studies in categories closely parallel to SABC's Master of Divinity curriculum.

At the request of the applicant, an equivalency evaluation may be completed by the Doctor of Ministry Office upon receipt of the requisite transcripts. Applicants who hold a masters degree other than M. Div., may satisfy equivalency by taking supplementary courses as part of the pre-doctoral program specifically designed to move to D. Min. eligibility as quickly as possible. Such courses fulfill equivalency requirements only, and will not count toward the requirements of the Doctor of Ministry degree itself. They must be completed prior to admittance into the Doctor of Ministry program.

Ministry Requirement

It is expected that each participant will remain actively involved in full-time ministry throughout the duration of the program. Any participant who leaves the ministry for any reason while pursuing the Doctor of Ministry degree must petition the Doctor of Ministry Committee for continuation in the program.

Program Duration

The degree will normally require four years to complete, including the project. This schedule is set to avoid unnecessary pressure on the participant's responsibilities to family and ministry. Students are required to complete the degree within six years beginning from the date of the participant's first attendance in a doctoral course. In some cases an extension may be granted by the Doctor of Ministry Committee.

Transfer Credits

An individual may transfer in a total of six advanced standing doctoral credits. Individual appeals for transfer credits will be evaluated based upon the following considerations:

1. Transfer credits must be from Asia Theological Association and other recognized institutions.
2. Participant must have earned a passing grade of "B" or higher.
3. Relevancy of transfer credits to the D. Min. degree.
4. Recent time frame of courses taken.

To request advanced standing, official transcripts must be received by the SABC D.Min. Office before consideration for doctoral credit will be given. Any exceptions to the standard policy must be recommended and approved by the D. Min. Committee.

Financial Policies

- Southern Asia Bible College does its best to provide quality ministerial training at the minimum possible cost. The fee structure is applicable for 2012-2013.
- The current fees is Rs.1,44,000/- and covers tuition, project fees and graduation fees and room and boarding on campus during the module sessions. It does not include travel and expenses leading towards preparation for each module.
- All fees payable to SABC should be paid by means of either cash or demand draft drawn in favour of "Southern Asia Bible College"
- The annual fee of Rs.36,000/- should be paid in the beginning of each year.

Course Descriptions

I CORE COURSES: (12 hours)

Spirituality of the Leader (3 hours)

Developing into a leader worth following is considered in the context of self-leadership, other-leadership, and Pentecostal spirituality. A critical appraisal of leadership models is presented as the class develops a synthetic model of Christian leadership considered from a Pentecostal perspective, and based on foundations of personal development and integrity.

Missional Leadership (3 hours)

This course enables the Church to more ably fulfill Jesus' Great Commission to evangelize and make disciples. Identifying the hindrances to these central goals, this course comprehensively explores foundations, paradigms, strategies, and means for impacting believers and contemporary cultures. It recognizes the relevance of the gospel for many individual and societal needs. It explores motivation for discipleship, the means of disciple-making, the nature of holistic discipleship, and the connection between personal and spiritual growth.

The Future of Pentecostalism (3 hours)

Pentecostalism has reached the centenary mark, an event that would have been unimaginable to its first generation. In many respects the movement has changed. Not surprisingly, Pentecostals face major challenges related to cherish theological, spiritual, and liturgical distinctives that once uniquely identified them. This course examines and evaluates dynamics of the early movement, the nature of the crucial changes that have occurred, and what Pentecostalism may look like in its

second century of existence.

Organizational Leadership (3 hours)

Leadership of the contemporary church or ministry with special consideration given to the integration of biblical values, contemporary leadership theory, contemporary organizational theory, and the participant's context of ministry.

II ELECTIVE COURSES: (12 hours)

III PROFESSIONAL PROJECT (6 hours)

Project Design (3 hours)

A course designed to prepare the participant for presentation of an acceptable Project Proposal to the D. Min. Project Committee. Components of a Project Proposal, research methodologies, and writing strategies are explored and applied.

Project Development and Presentation (3 hours)

Composition and oral presentation of an acceptable written project which integrates theory and praxis and makes a meaningful contribution to the practice of ministry. All participants working on the project phase will maintain a continued registration in the program.