

MARYLHURST UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DOCTOR OF  
MINISTRY

A cooperative program between San Francisco  
Theological Seminary and Marylhurst University





# THEOLOGY REALIZED

While there is a depth of mystery and humility in faith, San Francisco Theological Seminary's Doctor of Ministry program at Marylhurst University is designed to give your faith a practical application, allowing it to achieve its full meaning as a force for positive change. Whether your spiritual roots lie in Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam or another major tradition, you will learn to apply your theology to a concrete pastoral discipline.

You will gain a greater understanding of sacred literature, learn about modern pastoral issues, develop skills for a career in educational leadership and expand your theological knowledge.

You will leave with greater career potential and a deeper appreciation for the many connections among your faith, your community and your goals.

## FORMING LASTING RELATIONSHIPS

You may be an ordained minister, a religious education coordinator, a pastoral counselor or a liturgist seeking insight into the role your personal theology plays in shaping the world.

The convergence of clergy and lay pastors from many faiths will provide you with opportunities for networking and support. In the course of your work, you will strike up relationships with colleagues that may lead to new career paths, new insights into challenging spiritual, political and ethical issues, and friendships that last for decades.

## THE PROGRAM

The San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS) Doctor of Ministry program at Marylhurst University is an advanced professional degree for persons in ministry.

### **Year One: Nine-Month Collegium Group (Sept - May) – 12 SFTS units**

In a supportive group of 10 to 15 students, you will explore your work honestly and openly. Beginning in September, your collegium group will meet on the Marylhurst campus for three 40-hour classes:

**The Pastor as Person.** You will rediscover your self in the company of professional peers, come to terms with depersonalizing factors in ministry, review professional and vocational choices and build deep levels of trust and cooperation among colleagues.

**The Theology of Ministry.** Objectives include examining, understanding and critiquing the ministry of each student, helping to build more coherent theories of ministry and reflecting upon ministry from Biblical and theological perspectives.

**The Cultural Milieu and Mission of the Church.** You will develop skills for identifying, researching and understanding a major social issue in the local culture of your collegium group. You also will prepare and analyze mission strategies.

### **Year Two: Six-Week Summer Term at SFTS – 12 SFTS units**

During your six weeks on the SFTS campus, you will complete:

- two resource seminars;
- a seminar in research design leading to formulation of a dissertation/project topic proposal;
- a frontier seminar focusing on a contemporary issue at the cutting edge of the church's mission;
- a faculty team evaluation leading to advancement to candidacy; and
- approval of your dissertation/project topic after recommendation by the interview team.

Housing on the SFTS campus is assigned on the basis of need, availability and date your housing application is received.

### **Dissertation/Project Seminars (Sept - May) – 4 SFTS units**

Your local collegium group will meet on the Marylhurst campus to participate in a minimum of six days of seminars focused on the dissertation/project of each member in your group. You will then begin work on your dissertation/project.

### **Year Three: Dissertation/Project – 12 SFTS units**

The dissertation/project is an independent undertaking. You will take the full initiative to plan, seek approval for and implement a study and action project within your ministry. Your advisor will be readily available to consult throughout this process. You will submit your completed dissertation/project to the SFTS Advanced Pastoral Studies committee for evaluation.



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Doctor of Ministry program applicants must:

- hold a Master of Divinity or equivalent degree from an accredited school (Marylhurst's Master of Applied Theology plus 48 credits of Graduate Theological Studies meets this requirement);
- be ordained by a recognized religious body (waived for non-ordained persons with recognized ministries in their religious organizations); and
- have completed three years in ministry after ordination.

## NEXT STEP

Personalized academic advising is the key to creating the optimal plan for your academic success. Contact Marylhurst University today. Our helpful staff will answer questions about designing your academic program.

## SAN FRANCISCO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Doctor of Ministry is granted by this esteemed theological institution. Located in San Anselmo, California, SFTS has been providing continuing education and advanced degrees for clergy and pastoral professionals for more than 100 years. SFTS is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools.

Marylhurst University is a liberal arts university located 10 minutes south of Portland between Lake Oswego and West Linn. Founded in 1893, Oregon's oldest Catholic university welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds. A member of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) and affiliate of the Concurrent Admissions Program (ConAP), Marylhurst is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

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