may be done in a local church or ministry setting, or it may be a research project. Details are provided in the Doctor of Ministry Handbook.

The student will be advanced to candidacy status after the satisfactory completion of the comprehensive examinations, all academic course work, the approval of the prospectus for the major project, and the completion of any practical missions deficiencies. Students initiate the process of advancement by submitting the prospectus for the major project to the DMin office. The dean of the DMin program will give a formal notice of advancement to candidacy when all requirements have been satisfied and the Doctor of Ministry Committee has given approval.

Comprehensive and Oral Examinations

After the satisfactory completion of all seminars, the student will participate in written examinations. They will cover each of the seminars taken (reading, intensive session, post-seminar written paper). Details are provided in the Doctor of Ministry Handbook.

In addition, after the submission and completion of the ministry project or research project, the student must present and orally defend the project. The student should discuss the inception, justification, development, implementation, evaluation, and impact of their project. This professional and creative presentation is considered a major component in the overall grade of the project.

Overview of the Doctor of Ministry Curriculum

| Graduate Research & Writing | 2 hours |
| Functional Major (six seminars) | 24 hours |
| Major Project | 6 hours |
| **Total** | **32 hours** |

Graduate Research & Writing

A prospective doctor of ministry student must complete this course before beginning seminars in order to demonstrate proficiency in research and writing. Graduate Research & Writing will be taken in January or June prior to fall enrollment. Equivalent work from another recognized institution may be accepted in fulfillment of this requirement at the discretion of the Doctor of Ministry Committee.

Graduate Research & Writing must be satisfactorily completed before other seminars are taken. Any exception must be approved by the dean of the program.

Cost of the Program

Tuition and fees for the doctor of ministry program are covered in the Fees and Expenses section of the catalog and in the Doctor of Ministry Handbook.