



# WEST FLORIDA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## Doctor of Theology

### OVERVIEW

The Doctor of Theology is a 54-credit hour resident post-graduate degree with a concentration in Theology and New Testament. It is designed to give those who have a graduate degree a higher level of competency in theology and biblical exposition. Our Doctor of Theology (ThD) is not designed to be a pastoral degree, it is a higher education degree that is open to both men and women. We offer three options to choose from for the final assessment in the program. He/She may choose a dissertation, a ministry project, or a comprehensive exam.

### EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

- Christlike character and spiritual maturity
- Develop a servant-hearted leadership
- Develop the ability to think critically and logically
- Advanced knowledge of hermeneutics and literary structure
- Employ a consistent literal-grammatical-historical hermeneutic for interpreting all of the Bible
- Understand the essential doctrines of orthodox Christianity
- Ability to articulate and defend the essential doctrines of the Christian faith
- A thorough understanding of the nature, structure, and narrative of the Bible
- An in-depth knowledge of context, purpose, argument, and theology of all 66 books in the Bible
- An advanced knowledge of context, purpose, argument, and theology of the New Testament Books
- Identify basic biblical orthodoxy and orthopraxy and make proper application for the current reader
- Understanding of Biblical, Systematic, and Historical Theology
- Advanced understanding of New Testament Theology
- Advanced understanding of Dispensational and Covenant Theology
- Communicate God's Word effectively through preaching or teaching
- Ability to evangelize culturally and cross-culturally

- Develop a complete Biblical Worldview with the ability to apply it to every area of life
- The ability to analyze, compare, and contrast worldviews that are antithetical to the Christian Worldview
- Advanced understanding of major contemporary social, cultural, and theological issues challenging Christianity today
- Develop the tools and skills necessary for further research and study to cultivate a lifelong biblical learning process
- Enhance your ministerial skills such as, preaching, teaching, counseling, leadership, administration, education, evangelism, or spiritual formation

#### ADMISSION

Admission into the Doctor of Theology requires a Master of Divinity (min 72 credit hrs.) or its equivalent. The remaining admission requirements are listed below.

- Complete online application
- Sign doctrinal agreement statement
- Supply two references (preferably one pastoral and one academic)
- Provide transcript(s)
- Provide a Master's level academic paper (exegetical or research)
- A personal bio describing yourself and your purpose for the Doctor of Theology Degree.

#### TUITION

- 35.00 non-refundable application fee
- 175.00 per class
- 3185.00 total for classes
- Books are not included in price (est. 500.00)
- Price will increase if leveling courses are required

