

MDiv Equivalency Process for DMin Applicants – 4 November 2022

The ATS accreditation standards for Doctor of Ministry (DMin) programs require applicants who do not hold a Master of Divinity (MDiv) to demonstrate how they meet the following criteria:

- The ability to thoughtfully interpret scripture and the theological tradition of one's ministry context,
- The capacity to understand and adapt one's ministry to the cultural context,
- A basic self-understanding of one's ministerial identity and vocational calling,
- A readiness to engage in ongoing personal and spiritual formation for one's ministry,
- An accredited master's degree (or its educational equivalent) in an area related to one's ministry setting or vocational calling,
- Significant ministerial experience that enables the applicant to engage as a ministry peer with other students in this advanced professional doctorate.

If you do not hold a Master of Divinity degree, but meet all other application requirements for the Doctor of Ministry program at BU STH, you will need to complete the following steps:

- Prepare a letter or extensive email that addresses your own preparation or ways that you meet each criterion above. You can include any documents or artifacts that evidence each point. You can also answer this in a narrative form, reflecting on each point and discussing how your own vocational placements and educational training have prepared you with these capacities.
- Add the document(s) to your application and send by email to the Director of Online and Hybrid Programs, Debbie Brubaker (brubaker@bu.edu).
- Complete a brief interview (30 min) with the Academic Dean, Bryan Stone and the Director, Debbie Brubaker. Once you have prepared the letter outlining how your training has prepared you for the DMin program, the Director will schedule a meeting for you with the Academic Dean. This meeting will occur before your application goes to the Admissions committee.

Please contact the Director, Debbie Brubaker, with any questions.