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T. WALTER BRASHIER GRADUATE SCHOOL
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Dear Doctoral Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in our Doctor of Ministry Program. We are excited that God is giving us the opportunity to be a part of training and equipping ministers who will be instrumental in furthering the Kingdom of God!

Please take a moment and look over this application packet. We are working hard to make information available, however there may be questions regarding the process or the enclosures. In this packet, you will find a check list of the items required for admission as well as instructions to complete the process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Justin J. Pitts, MBA
Director of Adult and Graduate Admissions
Office of Adult and Graduate Admissions
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DOCTOR OF MINISTRY ADMISSION PORTFOLIO CHECKLIST

To be considered for admission to the Doctor of Ministry degree program, please submit the following items. Refer to the Admission Requirements for more complete details.

- Application for admission form with photograph
- \$50 Application fee (non-refundable)
- 10 page, 3-part essay
- 5 Character Reference Forms
 1. A former professor in master's level studies
 2. A colleague outside your church or agency
 3. A denominational leader
 4. A lay leader in your church or agency
 5. A community leader outside your church or agency
- Church/Employer Recommendation Form
- Miller Analogies Test (MAT) Score Report
- Interview with the Dean of the Graduate School of Christian Ministry
- Official Transcripts

Please contact the Graduate Enrollment office (phone, fax or email info below) with any questions about the admission application requirements.

May God bless your efforts!

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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT FOR THE DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

Students may seek admission to the Doctor of Ministry Program at anytime during the academic year. The on-campus intensive seminars will normally be taught in March and October. Application must be approved prior to the beginning of a seminar in order to participate in that course.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Graduates of accredited colleges and universities, who have also earned a Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency or the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), and have otherwise demonstrated aptitude for academic work on the doctoral level, may apply for admission to the program of studies leading to the Doctor of Ministry degree. A minimum cumulative master's level grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required for consideration for this program. Applicants with a lower grade point average may be admitted on academic probation if they successfully complete all other requirements including any additional required standardized testing and assignments as determined by the Dean.

The Doctor of Ministry Program is most effective when the students bring to it a period of experience in ministry that follows the attainment of the first professional degree. In most cases applicants must have three years of fulltime post-Master of Divinity ministry experience prior to beginning the Doctor of Ministry Program and must be continuously engaged in some type of Christian ministry during enrollment.

The program of study required for the Doctor of Ministry degree will be no fewer than three academic years and no greater than six. Entering students must understand the high level of commitment that is expected and required to actively participate in this degree program year round for this period of time. Admission to the Doctor of Ministry Program is determined by an evaluation of the applicant's academic ability and potential for excellence in ministry.

COST

Year One: Two four-hour seminars, two two-hour applied ministry co-requisite courses (online)

Year Two: Repeat of Year One format, plus a 2 hour research process seminar

Year Three: Written Project, 6 hours

For a detailed cost statement, contact Justin Pitts, Director of Adult and Graduate Admissions at justin.pitts@ngu.edu.

11. College/University Information: Please list, in order, the school(s) from which you received your undergraduate degree(s) and any graduate degrees or credits:

School	City/State	Degree/Academic Program	Dates Attended/Graduated:
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

12. Employment/Ministry Information Please list, in order, the positions (paid or unpaid) which you have held in the past three years:

Name of Business/Ministry	Job Title	City, State	Dates of Service	Supervisor Name/Phone
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

13. Have you ever been refused admission to or dismissed from any college, university, or seminary?

Yes ____ No _____

If Yes, please explain fully:

14. Church Information

Church Name _____

Minister _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Describe your participation in Christian Service. _____

15. Which of the following most influenced your application to NGU?

Academic Programs Faculty/Staff NGU Student NGU Alumni Minister Family NGU Web Page Other _____

16. I assert that the information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge:

(Signature)

(Date)



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BIOGRAPHICAL & MINISTERIAL GOALS ESSAY AND CASE STUDY

Instructions:

This essay should consist of three parts:

- (1) A three-to four-page description of the applicant's salvation experience, call into ministry, experience in Christian discipleship and experience in ministry, both voluntary and professional.
- (2) A three-to four-page summary of the applicant's professional and educational goals and expectations as they relate to the Doctor of Ministry Program.
- (3) A two-page response and action plan to one of the following case studies concerning an actual ministry scenario or problem.

This essay will demonstrate the applicant's quality and style of writing. This essay should be eight to ten pages, double-spaced. It should be submitted in Microsoft Word-format (.doc) or as a PDF. The essay should include a title page.

Please select ONE of the following actual ministry scenarios:

CASE STUDY ONE:

The church you serve is in-grown in its perspective. Maintaining the status quo is the objective of the members. Evangelism and missions appear to be last thing on the members' agenda. Yet, your heart burns to reach not only the local community, but also the nations of the world. Where do you begin? How do you help the church overcome their maintenance outlook? What steps would you take to assist this church in gaining a heart for evangelism and missions?

CASE STUDY TWO:

Ministry is wearing you out. The meetings are many, and most are disorganized and unhelpful (especially those that others lead). Ministry obligations seem to become more and more routine and without purpose. How do you maintain a good spirit during these times? How do you persevere in ministry when the challenges are overwhelming?



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Part I

To the Applicant: Complete Part I of this Reference Form and then give it to a professional colleague for completion. After completing this form, your colleague should mail it directly to the T. Walter Brashier Graduate School of North Greenville University in a pre-addressed envelope provided by you.

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Notice: PUBLIC LAW 93-380, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, grants all students the right to inspect and review all of their official records. This right extends to letters of recommendation, except that a student may waive this right to inspect and review letters of recommendation by signing a waiver.

I waive my right to review this reference form

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

I do not waive my right to review this reference form

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Failure to sign either of the above indicates the applicant has not waived the right to review this reference form.

Part II

To The Employer: The person named above has applied for admission to T. Walter Brashier Graduate School of North Greenville University, giving your name as a reference to evaluate his or her academic potential. Please complete Parts II and III of this form and then mail it directly to the Graduate School Office in the pre-addressed envelope provided by the applicant. The Graduate School appreciates your candid evaluation of this applicant. Thank you for taking the time to assist in the application process.

Please rate the applicant in each of the following areas by circling the appropriate answer:

(1=Unsatisfactory 2=Below average 3=Average 4=Above average 5=Exceptional N=No basis for judgment)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Intellect | 1 2 3 4 5 N |
| 2. Motivation / Initiative | 1 2 3 4 5 N |
| 3. Aptitude for problem solving | 1 2 3 4 5 N |
| 4. Leadership Ability | 1 2 3 4 5 N |
| 5. Cooperativeness | 1 2 3 4 5 N |
| 6. Creativity | 1 2 3 4 5 N |
| 7. Maturity | 1 2 3 4 5 N |
| 8. Interpersonal / Social Skills | 1 2 3 4 5 N |
| 9. Self-esteem | 1 2 3 4 5 N |
| 10. Emotional Stability | 1 2 3 4 5 N |
| 11. Verbal Communication Skills | 1 2 3 4 5 N |
| 12. Written Communication Skills | 1 2 3 4 5 N |
| 13. Career Potential | 1 2 3 4 5 N |

Part III

Please respond briefly to the questions below. Mark your recommendation, then complete the form with your contact information.

1) How long have you known the applicant, how well, and in what capacity?

2) What characteristics do you consider to be the talents and strengths of the applicant?

3) What characteristics do you consider to be the weaknesses of the applicant?

4) If the applicant is not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, please state how well the applicant speaks and understands English. If the applicant does experience difficulty, please explain.

5) Please provide any additional comments that you believe would be helpful in assessing the applicant's application.

6) Do you recommend this applicant?

Highly Recommended Recommended Recommended with Reservation Not Recommended

Please explain your reservation:

Print Name and Title _____

Organization / Institution _____

Phone (_____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature of Reference

Date

(Please mail completed form to the address shown at the top of page one.)



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CHURCH / EMPLOYER RECOMMENDATION

(Must be filled out entirely to be considered complete. Respondent acts on behalf of the church or employer named below. Mail completed form directly to the address above.)

Admission to the Doctor of Ministry program requires a recommendation from the church of which the applicant is a member, or the applicant's employer. The recommendation is both an endorsement of the applicant, and a declaration of support for the commitment the applicant is making to pursuit of the degree. It is important that the statement of recommendation below be carefully considered by the respondent. If there is any reason why the respondent would be unwilling or unable to approve the statement, please return this form to NGU marked as such. **The respondent must sign this form and return it directly to NGU.** Please send in the original form. Faxed or photocopied recommendations cannot be accepted. NGU is grateful for the respondent's prayerful and responsible partnership in this process.

Having evidence that _____ is a person:
of genuine Christian commitment and spiritual maturity;
of moral integrity and emotional stability;
of faithful attendance and participation in the local church;
who is able to fill leadership roles in church life;
and whom this church would consider or recommend for employment in a responsible role in Christian Ministry:

<input type="checkbox"/> I recommend the applicant for admission to North Greenville University and pledge our continuing interest and support through prayer.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am unwilling to recommend the applicant for admission. (Use the back of this form to explain.)

Respondent Contact Information (Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ EMail: _____

Relationship to Applicant: [Home Church] [Employer]

Respondent's Signature Respondent's Printed Name



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ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Applicant: Please provide the information requested below. Send this form with the appropriate fee to the registrar of any colleges or universities you have attended. That person will send your transcript directly to us.

Applicant's Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

Social Security # _____

Previous Name (if different when you attended): _____

Dates of Enrollment _____

Degree(s) Received _____

I hereby authorize the release of my academic record and related material to T. Walter Brashier Graduate School of North Greenville University.

Signature _____ Date _____

You may photocopy this form if needed by more than one institution.

Registrar: Please send official transcript to the address above.