

Doctor of Ministry in Supervisory Clinical Spiritual Care Education

The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree program at Union Theological Seminary provides advanced education and training in clinical spiritual care for persons who work within multicultural, interreligious and clinical spaces. The program welcomes students pursuing an Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) certification, as well as ACPE Certified Educators interested in enhancing their training and seeking to be credentialed as ACPE National Faculty. This program may also be of value to those interested in an education in spiritual care as they discern a path toward a leadership position within a Spiritual Care Department.



The fully accredited degree program aims to:

1. Develop analytical, spiritual care, and practical professional competencies and skills.
2. Develop and appropriate a personal and professional ethic in keeping with sound organizational principles, high ethical standards and mature conduct in the professional of spiritual care and supervision.
3. Develop a theologically informed, contextually attuned and integrated understanding of the nature, purposes, theories and practices in the specialized area of spiritual care education, supervision and leadership.
4. Develop the ability to demonstrate the capacity to function as an independent and competent educator/leader in all of the areas defined by the new ACPE certification process.



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The program director is **Rabbi Jeffery M. Silberman**, D.Min., D.D. Rabbi Silberman is Director of Spiritual Care and Education at Yale New Haven Health at Bridgeport Hospital. He has been a Board-Certified Chaplain and an ACPE Certified Educator for thirty years. Rabbi Silberman was the founding President of the NAJC and was the first rabbi to become an ACPE Clinical Educator.



Studying with world-class experts

Candidates in Union's D.Min. degree program will learn from a number of spiritual care educators and experts in the clinical spiritual care field, including several members of Union's full-time faculty. The D.Min. instructional staff includes Dr. Mary Boys, Rev. Dr. Pamela Cooper-White, Rev. Dr. Samuel Cruz, Dr. George Fitchett, and Rev. A. Meigs Ross, LCSW. Throughout the program, the faculty will guide student instruction, supervise projects and theses, and serve in mentorship roles.

Courses focus on the conceptual knowledge central to ACPE Clinical Education

The D.Min. program is a 42-credit hybrid degree with three two-week intensive Residencies (one a year, held in August) and two online courses offered in each of the fall and spring terms. The course work totals 36 credits, and a thesis or project (6 credits) completes the program.

Online Courses

Applicants to the D.Min. program do not need prior experience with online education, nor do they need to possess sophisticated technological skills. Online courses require access to a computer with a camera, internet access, headphones, and a microphone (usually built into computer).

Tuition

Tuition for the Doctor of Ministry is \$705 per credit. Modest scholarship help may be available.

To apply, visit utsnyc.edu and click on Admissions.

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