**Why Rockbridge Seminary?**

- Because ministers and missionaries overseas or in remote areas often have no other way to develop essential ministry skills under the guidance of experienced ministers and professors.
- Because a growing number of ministers need seminary education that is accessible to them while they serve on their church fields.
- Because the focus in a growing number of churches worldwide is shifting to thinking of ministry and life in terms of God's purposes.
- Because members assuming greater ministry responsibility deserve access to seminary education.
- Because ministers are best trained on their fields of ministry where learning is immediately applied.
- Because online learning is good stewardship of Kingdom resources.

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**Academic Programs**

Rockbridge Seminary offers four academic programs. Each program is designed to help develop servant leaders for Christian ministry through learning experiences that allow them to study and practice without leaving their ministry field.

**Diploma in Ministry Studies**

(2 Year Program)

The diploma in Ministry Studies (DMS) is a non-degree diploma designed for men and women who are serving on a church staff or in other ministry positions. The diploma provides an opportunity to students to develop servant leadership skills for local church ministry as well as competencies in Bible and church history.

**Master of Ministry Leadership**

(2 Year Program)

The Master of Ministry Leadership (MML) is a professional degree designed for men and women who have a bachelor's degree and are serving on a church staff or in other ministry positions. The focus of this degree is on developing servant leadership skills for local church ministry. It is particularly suited for those who studied Bible and theology in their bachelor's program.

**Master of Divinity**

(3 Year Program)

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) is a professional degree designed for men and women with a bachelor's degree who serve or desire to serve in such roles as ordained pastor, career missionary and chaplain. Students develop competencies in Biblical studies, church history, theology, pastoral care, counseling and preaching/teaching.

**Doctor of Ministry**

(3-6 Year Program)

The Doctor of Ministry in Transformational Leadership (DMin) is a professional doctorate designed for men and women who hold the MDiv or its educational equivalent and who have engaged in substantial ministry leadership. Students develop transformational competencies in areas such as spirituality, spiritual community, transformational discipleship, organizational leadership and missional leadership.

**Ministry-Focused Curriculum Design**

Take a look at the curriculum design of Rockbridge Seminary (our courses and how they are arranged), and you’ll see something new and innovative - courses are organized around the five biblical purposes of the church: Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Evangelism.

Some seminaries are called to emphasize theological scholarship in their training design. Rockbridge Seminary, however, is called to emphasize local church ministry, making the design around church purposes rather than by categories of knowledge a more natural learning environment.

**Accreditation**

Rockbridge Seminary is institutionally accredited by the Distance Education and Training Council (DETC). The Distance Education and Training Council is a recognized member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).
A traditional classroom schedule can be a problem if a student needs to travel for work or needs to plan a mission trip to another country. **Online learning is “any place learning.”** Wherever you have access to the internet, you can participate in online learning. Visiting family in another state or attending a ministry conference during your class? Just log-on where you are. Traveling to another country while your class is in session? As long as you have your laptop or have access to an internet café, you can continue your learning.

Most people today have busy lives. Fitting your schedule to the schedule of a school is not always possible. Perhaps your work or ministry responsibilities keep you from carving out time to attend a class that meets at a scheduled time each week or month. **Online learning allows you to learn according to YOUR schedule, not the seminary’s schedule.** That could be in the middle of the night or the first thing in the morning. You decide.

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