

EMS Launches Doctor of Ministry in Peacemaking and Social Change

The new Doctor of Ministry (DMin) at EMS, launching in August 2025, is distinctive in many ways. It is the only Anabaptist-focused DMin that is both regionally and nationally accredited. As a matter of justice and educational integrity, EMS's DMin invests in personnel and students as courses are taught exclusively by continuing-contract, full-time EMS faculty and admitted students can receive up to 50% tuition scholarships. The asynchronous online format is designed for engaged ministry leaders who wish to learn about the theology and praxis of peace in order to ignite change toward justice in congregational or non-profit settings. Doctoral students will gain tools for trauma-informed care, biblical interpretation, liberative theologies, and analysis of religions, persons and systems while pursuing a research and writing project that matters for their ministry context. Learn more about this innovative program or apply to join our next cohort at emu.edu/seminary/degree-programs/dmin



EMS's small CPE cohorts, like this spring 2025 hybrid unit offered by Director Penny Driediger, receive personalized formation

CPE: EMS's Hidden Gem

EMS stands out among U.S. seminaries as one of only four theological schools with its own accredited Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program. By partnering with clinical sites across the U.S., EMS's expert certified educators offer hybrid CPE units so students can hone their chaplaincy skills in their local contexts. CPE at EMS is open to current students for graduate credit and non-seminarians who wish to study chaplaincy. Learn more at emu.edu/seminary/cpe

Graduates Value EMS's Warm Community, On Campus and Online

Rev. Graciella Odelia, a 2025 Master of Arts in Christian Leadership graduate and youth minister in Mosaic Mennonite Conference, says she appreciates the warm community at EMS. "I know everyone, the professors know my name, they know my story, they know where I come from, they know my intercultural context," Graciella reflects. "I feel seen and heard." At EMS, Graciella studied theology, gained tools for deeper Bible study and valued the opportunity to study online with students from around the world. She explored youth ministry practices supporting faith and well-being through her senior capstone project, "Home Away from Home: Embracing Young Asian Immigrants in Church." Graciella is one of five graduates who earned master's degrees in Christian leadership and divinity and general theological certificates on May 4. Apply now at emu.edu/seminary/admissions



Rev. Graciella Odelia, MACL '25 at May 4 commencement

EMS Mission

Eastern Mennonite Seminary nurtures agents of justice and peace by opening spaces for theological learning and practice rooted in Jesus' radical ministry of beloved community.

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