Doctoral Degrees Awarded by the University of Metaphysics

**Doctor of Metaphysical Science, Msc.D.** There are numerous subject matters encompassed under the umbrella of Metaphysics, just as there are numerous vocations available such as teaching, counseling, healing, ministry, astrology, and professional speaking. This program is designed for students wishing to write books, teach, or minister in any of those subject matters in the way in which they are called.

**Doctor of Metaphysical Counseling, Mc.D.** Metaphysical counselors help clients discover the root cause of beliefs that they are no longer comfortable with by examining such influences as culture, family, friends, the media, and religion so as to develop strategies to make needed adjustments in life for more alignment and freedom. Metaphysical counselors use holistic approaches that facilitate personal growth and connection to God, Source, All that is, the Divine, Higher Power, or whatever the client chooses to call the spiritual connection, by using metaphysical tools for healing such as dream interpretation, spirituality assessment and awareness, meditation, prayer, and affirmative thinking.

**Doctor of Divinity, D.D.** The Doctor of Divinity degree is usually chosen by someone who already has an established ministry or church and is interested in direct research or writing about a particular aspect of ministry, such as New Testament and early Christian studies, ethics, religion, gender and culture.

**Doctor of Divinity, D.D., specializing in:**

**Pastoral Counseling.** Pastoral counseling is a branch of counseling in which ordained ministers, rabbis, priests, or other non-ordained lay persons provide counseling services. Counselors integrate modern psychological thought and method with traditional religious training. Therefore, counselors are able to address psycho-spiritual issues in addition to offering the traditional spectrum of counseling services. Pastoral Counselors can work from within a particular religious denomination or across several religious denominations. The focus of the counseling relationship is centered in God or Spirit.

**Spiritual Healing.** The channeling of healing energy from its spiritual source to someone who needs it is called spiritual healing. The healing energy comes through the healer from a higher source and not directly from the healer.
Doctor of Ministry, D. Min., specializing in:

**New Thought Ministry.** This ministry emphasizes the practical implementation of the power of thought and feeling in helping spiritual enlightenment, wholeness, health and prosperity to emerge. This degree is usually chosen by someone who is already working in a religious or church ministry.

**Holistic Counseling Ministry.** Holistic Counseling Ministry involves working with the body, mind, and spirit in a spiritual or religious setting. This degree is usually chosen by someone who is already working in a religious/church ministry.

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**Holistic Ministry.** Holistic ministry serves the whole person, seeing everyone through God’s eyes. This church ministry involves every dimension of human need. This degree is usually chosen by someone who is already working in a religious or church ministry.

Doctoral Degrees Awarded by the University of Sedona

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**Doctor of Divinity, D.D.** The Doctor of Divinity degree is usually chosen by someone who already has an established ministry or church and is interested in directed research or writing about a particular aspect of ministry from a metaphysical perspective: for example, but not limited to, New Testament and early Christian studies, ethics, religion, gender and culture.

**Doctor of Divinity, D.D., specializing in:**

**Biblical Interpretation, D.D.** The study of the Bible is the soul of theology. If this degree is chosen, the student will be looking at word definition, usage, context, historical background, logic, precedent, and inference relating to Biblical interpretations and metaphysics. This degree will be chosen by someone wishing to specialize in researching, teaching, and writing about Biblical symbolism to uncover spiritual truths for spiritual reawakening and life improvement from a metaphysical or mystical perspective.

**Doctor of Theology, D.Th.** The Doctor of Theology degree is usually chosen by someone who already has an established ministry or church. The minister will be doing a theological study within a particular religious tradition but from a metaphysical perspective: for example, but not limited to, the Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament, or the New Testament.

**Doctor of Metaphysical Hypnosis, Mhyp.D.** Metaphysical Hypnosis is a natural, yet spiritual, form of suggestive therapy. The serious potential and application of hypnosis is only now being fully considered, as we begin to know more about the brain and the functions of the mind. If this specialty is chosen, then teaching a method of release into higher meditation consciousness and self-hypnotic techniques as a means of reprogramming positive spiritual truth will be the goal. A CD of hypnotic induction for self-hypnotic conditioning must be submitted with the Doctoral Dissertation. **Important Note:** The awarding of this degree does not give one the legal right to practice hypnotherapy. This degree offers ministerial ordination that specializes in doing pastoral educational counseling or teaching in the spiritual uses of self-hypnotic practices.
Doctor of Metaphysical Psychology, Mpsy.D. Metaphysical Psychology means the particular way that an individual interprets reality by attaching association from the memory or present stimulus. This degree is chosen by someone wishing to specialize in educational counseling, teaching, writing, and ministry by applying higher metaphysical spiritual truth to improve life, love, success, and happiness.

*Important Note:* The awarding of this degree does not give one the legal right to practice as a psychologist. This degree signifies a person with ministerial standing has studied the psychology of metaphysically oriented pastoral counseling. See Pastoral Counseling above.

Doctor of Holistic Ministry, Mh.D. Holistic ministry serves the whole person, seeing everyone through God’s eyes. This church ministry involves every dimension of human need. This degree is usually chosen by someone who is already working in a religious or church ministry or plans to.

Doctor of Philosophy, D. Phil. The Doctor of Philosophy degree is designed to equip students for creative scholarship, independent research and effective teaching and preaching. The program prepares students for teaching, for specialized church missions, for scholarly writing, lectures, courses, and seminars probing life’s realities from a metaphysical perspective to better understand how to improve human life.

Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D. specializing in:

**Holistic Life Coaching.** Holistic Life Coaching is based on a holistic, whole person concept of working with the body, mind, and inner Spirit or God. This is usually a one-to-one process. A Holistic Life Coach will be discussing, for example, what is happening in the environment and the experience of the client, the client’s underlying and limiting beliefs, and developing a spiritual practice that works – within the client’s own religion and/or faith. Generally speaking, a coach will work with someone on a topic-related goal, establishing the best route to achieve that goal. In turn, a coach could help the client clarify or establish clear goals. Another scenario – helping the client to clarify or establish clear goals with emphasis on God’s inner presence for achievement.

**Holistic Life Counseling.** Holistic life Counseling is based on a holistic model of working with the body, mind, and spirit. Counseling approaches and techniques are used to help clients uncover what past experiences are currently impacting their lives, how to spiritually release past negativity, and how to attain the inner transforming power of Universal God Presence within.

**Transpersonal Counseling.** Transpersonal counselors bring to their clients various depth psychologies, such as those of Carl Jung’s work, the Archetypal Psychology of James Hillman, the spiritual psychology of Robert Sardello, psychosynthesis founded by Roberto Assagioli, and the theories of Abraham Maslow, Stanislav Grof, and others. Transpersonal Counseling is an eclectic field that studies the transpersonal, self-transcendent or spiritual aspects of human
Experience so as to describe and to integrate spiritual, mystical, and parapsychological experience within modern psychological theory.

**Comparative Religion.** Comparative religion is a field of religious studies that analyzes the similarities and differences of themes, myths, rituals and concepts among the world’s religions. It is an ideal field for study for students wishing to specialize in researching, teaching, and writing about the comparison of various religious teachings to the basic teachings of the International Metaphysical Ministry – where Metaphysics itself has evolved into a religious faith among many people.

**Pastoral Counseling Psychology.** If choosing the Pastoral Counseling Psychology degree, the student will be discussing the work of caring for, understanding, and exploring human beings as persons, in families, in small groups, and in the community. The student will be exploring what psychological, behavioral, and social science research have to say regarding pastoral concerns (local, institutional, societal, political, international, and so on). **Important Note:** The awarding of this degree does not give one the legal right to practice as a psychologist. This degree signifies a person with ministerial standing has studied the psychology of pastoral counseling.

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**Metaphysical Parapsychology.** Metaphysical Parapsychology is a discipline that seeks to investigate the existence and causes of psychic abilities, near death experiences, life after death, and so forth. Metaphysical Parapsychology uses psychic/mystic research as a means to discovering or confirming greater spiritual truth and discoveries.

**Mystical Research.** Mystical Research pursues communion with, identity with, or conscious awareness of an ultimate reality, divinity, spiritual truth, or God through direct experience, intuition, instinct, or insight. Research in this field usually centers on a practice or practices intended to nurture that experience or awareness. Mystical research can encompass such topics as Kabala, Sufism, Vedanta, Hinduism, Christian mysticism, Gnosticism, and others. A guided, mystically oriented meditation CD must be submitted with the dissertation.