



McMaster Divinity College

Application for A Doctor of Practical Theology Advanced Elective

Student Name _____ Student ID # _____

Email _____ Date _____

Title of Proposed Study _____

Semester and Year of Proposed Study _____

Please provide a 1- to 2-page proposal that responds to the following:

What is the research question of this study? What is the perceived problem or need in your current practice of ministry that this course is designed to address? Explain the issue that you want to address; why is this research needed and how is the research directly connected to your current ministry context?

How will your research integrate the particular theological discipline of the course with the practice of ministry? What do you hope your research in this course will do to enhance the theories of practice that already exist on this subject? How will your research contribute to addressing the need that you have identified above?

Describe the specific approach to research that you will take in this course (i.e. explain exactly how you plan to proceed with your research), including a clear description of how this approach is reflective of a "practice-led" methodology and how the discipline of personal reflection on practice will play a part in your research methodology.

Provide a proposed list of assignments one of which must be a final paper of approximately 8,000 words and is rooted in the practice of ministry, engagement with existing theory on that practice and personal, theological reflection on both of these (this will be an addendum to the course syllabus and will function as the requirements for successful completion of the course).

Provide a list of required reading and a bibliography that together total approximately 4,000 pages and is reflective of all the elements encompassed within the course.

Student Signature _____

Proposed Faculty Supervisor _____

Supervisor Signature _____

DPT Director Approval _____

Academic Dean Approval _____

Date _____