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This list of editors is courteously provided as possibly helpful contacts. All agreements between the student and editor are independent of the Doctor of Ministry program. Work done with an outside editor does not substitute the work of the thesis-project review process. Questions about the thesis-project review process may be directed to the Thesis-Project Review Coordinator, at 978.646.4135, or [dminoffice@gcts.edu](mailto:dminoffice@gcts.edu). If you benefit from the work of an editor and would like to recommend them to fellow DMin students, contact the Thesis-Project Review Coordinator so this list may be updated. Happy Writing!

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"As a DMIN graduate, I am familiar with the particular formatting requirements of this program. Proofreading, grammar, vocabulary and formatting are my strengths. I have experience with translations for publication (books, manuals, guides), and am fully bilingual (Portuguese). I am also a published author in English."

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Meredith has two years of experience working with the formatting requirements for a DMin thesis-project. Her specialty lies with the review process. She is comfortable with Turabian, APA and MLA formats, as well as custom formats as long as the guidelines are clearly laid down by the mentor.

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I am a Gordon-Conwell graduate with experience in both writing and editing graduate-level theological papers as a professional editor. I have over ten years of experience teaching and tutoring in writing. As a result, I have edited hundreds of papers on a variety of topics. I have several articles published with EBSCO Publishing, so I am comfortable with multiple writing formats: Turabian, APA, MLA, and custom formats (provided the guidelines are clearly laid down by the mentor). I am available by phone, email, and Skype. Please feel free to contact me for my rates.

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"I am a freelance academic proofreader with a Masters degree in theology, a PhD in religious studies, and experience editing theses in a variety of formats including Turabian/Chicago, SBL and APA. My greatest strength is working with texts - theses, essays, or manuscripts - where clarity of expression and grammar are not all that they could be. The work is as much a vocation as it is a job, and this is reflected in very reasonable and negotiable charges."

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I'm a proofreader and a dissertation editor. I have been editing dissertations for the past five years. I have taught writing and composition at various institutions of higher education. I have been involved in Christian ministry for ten years. I earned my master's degree in missions from Alliance Theological Seminary. Furthermore, I have done short-term missionary work in Ghana, Togo, Liberia, Ecuador and Peru.

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I usually have students send their papers to me by email, and I use track changes to edit. However, I know some people still prefer hard copy, so if there is a specific request for this, I would be happy to receive a thesis by snail mail.

Type of editing:

1. Proofreading (correcting basic spelling, grammar and punctuation errors)
2. Basic editing (proofreading plus checking sentence and paragraph structure, word usage and tenses, consistency and formatting footnotes according to chosen style)
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Pierce has edited dozens of thesis projects for DMin candidates. He specializes in assisting scholars who are nervous about their writing abilities, especially non-native English speakers and students returning to academia after a long time away from the classroom. With patience, communicativity, and flexible pricing, Pierce can help any scholar get a thesis project to the finish line.

Pierce also does transcription for audio files and handwritten text, as well as book editing and ghostwriting (*ghostwriting is not available for academic projects*).