



## Application for Admission

Thank you for your interest in Covenant Theological Seminary! We are eager to serve you throughout the application process. If you have any questions, please contact the Admissions Office at **1.800.264.8064**. We look forward to receiving your call.

### Required Application Materials

Prospective students desiring admission to Covenant Theological Seminary's main campus or distance education programs must file a formal application with the Admissions Office. The following credentials must be submitted:

- Completed Application Form.** A **completed and signed application** must be submitted to Covenant Theological Seminary's Admissions Office at 12330 Conway Road, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63141-8697. You may also apply online or download application materials from our Web site at **www.covenantseminary.edu**.
- Transcripts.** Official transcripts from **all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended** must be requested by the applicant, usually in writing, and sent directly to Covenant Seminary. *No transcripts are required for students desiring to audit classes.*
- References.** Covenant Seminary requires **references from your pastor and a number of others**, depending on degree program. Please distribute the enclosed reference forms and see that they are returned directly to the Admissions Office. We suggest that an addressed, stamped envelope be distributed with each form to ensure timely return of the references to our office. Reference forms are also available for download from our Web site at **www.covenantseminary.edu**. *References submitted by a family member or close relative will not be accepted.*
- Personal Essay.** See **page 4** for more information.
- Spouse/Fiancé Statement (if applicable).** Since ministry involves the entire family, please **ask your spouse or fiancé to submit a short one- or two-page essay** that includes your spouse's testimony and thoughts regarding your pursuit of seminary training. *Spouses of current students need not submit this essay.*
- Photograph.** We would appreciate it if you would send a **recent photograph or snapshot of yourself** with your application. This helps us get to know you and your family better as we work through the application process.
- Application Fee.** An **application fee must accompany this application:** \$50 for credit programs; \$30 for audit only. *Spouses of full-time students need not send an application fee.*
- Special Admissions Examinations.**
  1. For those whose native language is not English, you must take the **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**. Applicants must submit results from the Internet-based (IBT) TOEFL exam, with minimum scores of 21 on the written component, 24 on the speaking component, 20 on the reading component, and 19 on the listening component. The minimum cumulative score is 84. Though there are two other forms of the TOEFL (paper and computer), **Internet-based results are the only TOEFL results we will accept.**
  2. The Director of Admissions reserves the right to require an applicant to take the **Graduate Records Exam (GRE)**. Although not normally required, the GRE may be required of students with deficiencies in prior academic work, or of students from institutions which are not accredited by a nationally recognized agency.
- Interview.** A **personal interview by the Director of Admissions or a faculty member** is normally required for all degree programs. Please contact the Admissions Office to make the necessary arrangements.

## Personal Information

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Dr.  Mr.  Ms.

Name  Rev.  Mrs.  Miss \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Home State \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No Permanent Resident?  Yes  No *If yes, enclose a copy of your Permanent Resident Card.*

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, please complete the following:

What is your country of origin? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your native language? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you studied English? \_\_\_\_\_ How many years have you spoken English? \_\_\_\_\_

What academic experience have you had in English-speaking schools? \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Single  Engaged  Married  Widowed  Separated  Divorced

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Names & ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you served in the US Armed Forces?  Yes  No Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Service Dates \_\_\_\_\_

## Plan for Ministry Preparation

Desired Enrollment Term:  Summer  Fall  January  Spring Year \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Attendance Type:  Full-time (4 or more classes per term)  Part-time (3 or fewer classes per term)  Distance Education

Academic Program Desired (Please refer to the Seminary's catalog or Web site for more information on the following programs.):

### Ministry Preparation

Master of Divinity

Pastoral Ministry Track

Specialized Ministry Track

Master of Arts

Counseling

Educational Ministries

\_\_\_\_\_ Local Track

\_\_\_\_\_ Co-op Track

### Academic/Personal Growth

Master of Arts

Exegetical Theology

Theological Studies

Graduate Certificate

Biblical & Theological Studies

Bioethics

Christianity/Contemporary Culture

Mission Studies

### Advanced Preparation

Master of Theology

Biblical & Pastoral Theology

Exegetical Theology

Doctoral Degrees

Doctor of Ministry

### Special Options

Non-Degree

Audit

Future Ministry Plans:  Pastoral  Youth  Campus  Missions  Not sure  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Background

List below all schools attended after high school — college, university, Bible institute, seminary, correspondence, or other schools. *Please have all post-secondary institutions send transcripts directly to Covenant Seminary.*

Check here if you would like a transcript evaluation for possible transfer credit. *Normally applicable for previously completed graduate-level theological coursework from accredited institutions.*

NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION	DATES ATTENDED	DEGREE RECEIVED
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Have you ever been refused admission to or dismissed by any college, seminary, or theological school?  Yes  No

If so, where, when, and for what reasons? \_\_\_\_\_

## Admissions Questionnaire

Member of what church? \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been taken "under care" of your presbytery or similar church board?  Yes  No Date \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been licensed to preach?  Yes  No Ordained?  Yes  No Date \_\_\_\_\_

By what church? \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you at work if necessary?  Yes  No Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

What other employment experience have you had (kind and length)? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you first hear about Covenant Seminary? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any other situations in your life for us to consider as we prayerfully evaluate your admission and future ministry goals (e.g., criminal misconduct; church censure; relevant medical, moral, or psychological difficulties; etc.):

Please indicate the level of unpaid educational debt you currently carry:

None  Under \$5,000  \$5,000 to \$10,000  \$10,000 to \$15,000  \$15,000 to \$25,000  Over \$25,000

Please indicate the level of additional debt that you will carry upon enrollment (exclude educational debt and home mortgage):

None  Under \$5,000  \$5,000 to \$10,000  \$10,000 to \$15,000  \$15,000 to \$20,000  Over \$20,000

Would you like us to send you information on scholarships and financial aid?  Yes  No

## References

Please provide the names and complete addresses of those who will be submitting references on your behalf. All references will be kept in strictest confidence and will be destroyed when no longer needed. *References submitted by a family member or close relative will not be accepted.*

**Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Counseling, Master of Arts in Educational Ministries & Master of Theology**

*3 References Required*

Pastor

*(choose two others)*

Officer in your church

Friend

Professor

Employer

**Master of Arts (Theological Studies) Master of Arts (Exegetical Theology) Graduate Certificate & Non-Degree (non-transfer applicants only)**

*2 References Required*

Pastor

*(choose one other)*

Officer in your church

Friend

Professor

Employer

**Doctor of Ministry**

*4 References Required*

Officer in a previous pastorate, if possible. If not, two of each of the following:

Officer in current pastorate

Ministerial colleague in your denomination

**Audit Only (Non-Credit)**

*1 Pastor's Reference Required*

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

**RELATIONSHIP**

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## Personal Essay

**All applicants, except Doctor of Ministry (DMin),** must submit a three- to five-page essay that includes the following:

1. An **overview of your life story**, including relationships with your parents, siblings, and spouse; when and how you became a Christian; and any other events and/or people that have significantly influenced you to be the person that you are today.
2. Your **experience in ministry**, such as teaching, evangelism, discipling, preaching, counseling, and group leadership.
3. Your **reasons for pursuing theological training**, including:
  - a) Your **vision** for and **call** to ministry.
  - b) Your sense of how you will **benefit from** and **use your seminary training** in support of local church ministry.
  - c) Your **plan** regarding God's provision for your **financial needs** during your studies at Covenant Theological Seminary.

**Master of Arts in Counseling (MAC) applicants only,** please submit an *additional* one to two pages stating:

1. Your **reasons for pursuing** the Master of Arts in Counseling degree.
2. Your own **counseling experience**, either counseling others or being counseled yourself, or both.
3. Your present **view of the relationship between theology and psychology**.

**Doctor of Ministry (DMin) applicants,** please submit the following:

1. A brief **overview of your life story**, including the people and/or events that have shaped you into the person you are today.
2. Your **reasons for pursuing the Doctor of Ministry** program.
3. The **fields in which you desire to specialize**, such as homiletics; counseling; church planting; church growth and renewal; Christianity and contemporary culture; or worship. *The DMin may be completed without a specific concentration.*
4. A brief **resume of your pastoral experience**, including dates of service. Indicate any other professional experience you have had as a full-time or part-time Christian worker. *Please do not include Sunday school teaching.*

## Application Affirmation and Signature

I affirm that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the appropriate representatives of Covenant Seminary, upon my enrollment, to release information concerning my educational progress, grades, spiritual or professional development, and personal conduct or background, including records or information regarding my physical or psychological treatment by any Seminary personnel or other outside professional, to any public, private, or ecclesiastical organization or sponsor(s) for the purposes of spiritual advisement, personal recommendation, service in the Church, or professional placement. I have also received the most recent Seminary catalog and understand that I am responsible for the information contained in it.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Seminary Non-Discrimination Policy

*Covenant Theological Seminary does not discriminate on the basis race, color, national or ethnic origin, or physical handicap in its educational programs or activities, including admission and employment. Covenant Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of sex in admission to or employment in its educational programs or activities except as required by the doctrinal standards of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Because the Seminary is an agency of the PCA, it is fully permitted to select its students and employees on the basis of their religion.*

*Any inquiries concerning the application of Title IX, its implementing regulations, or appeal procedures may be referred to Melinda Conn, our Title IX coordinator, or to the Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education. Melinda Conn can be reached in the Financial Aid Office by mail at 12330 Conway Road, St. Louis, MO 63141, by email at melinda.conn@covenantseminary.edu, or by phone at 314.434.4044.*

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