

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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GREENVILLE
PRESBYTERIAN
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATION PROCESS

Greenville seminary holds to a rolling admissions process. The admissions committee meets monthly to review all completed application packets to date. Materials are not required to be submitted simultaneously throughout the application process, but an application packet will not be reviewed until it is complete.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. APPLICATION FORM (ALL DEGREES)
2. APPLICATION FEE (DOMESTIC, \$50; INTERNATIONAL \$150) (ALL DEGREES)
 - Nonrefundable. gpts.edu/pay
3. ELDER'S AFFIRMATION (MDIV, BDIV, MMIN)
 - The Elders' Affirmation form allows the seminary to know that Divinity and Mmin applicants are in good standing with their current churches. Each applicant must receive an official endorsement from the elders of the local church at which he is currently involved. If the applicant is not a member of his current church and/or has not been there for a minimum of one year at the time of filling out the application, he must have a pastor or elder at the church that holds his membership submit a fourth recommendation.
4. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS (ALL DEGREES)
 - Please have the Registrar at your colleges mail or email your transcripts directly to the at Greenville Seminary. We need official transcripts from all educational institutions attended.
5. PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION (ALL DEGREES)
 - to be completed by an individual who has known you longer than one year and is not a family member. Must be from someone who has known you as your pastor or elder.
6. CHARACTER RECOMMENDATION (ALL DEGREES)
 - to be completed by an individual who has known you longer than one year and is not a family member. Ideally a professor or employer.
7. ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION (ALL DEGREES)
 - to be completed by an individual who has known you longer than one year and is not a family member. Ideally a professor or someone who can recommend you as a good student in a classroom.
8. SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY (ALL DEGREES)
 - A description of your conversion; an answer to the question, "Who is Jesus to you?" Also should include an understanding of your call to gospel ministry, or future service in the church; why do you desire theological education? 2–3 pages.

ADMISSION DEADLINES

FALL SEMESTER	WINTER TERM	SPRING SEMESTER	SUMMER TERM
July 1	November 1	December 1	June 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRAR & ADVISORS

After admission, the Registrar will assist you with course selection, enrollment, and degree program questions. Students are also assigned a Faculty Advisor who will lead the weekly prayer group the (on campus) student belongs to, and will provide student life counsel through the duration of your program at Greenville Seminary.

TUITION RATE

Tuition charges are \$200 per credit hour. Additional fees may apply, and more details can be found in the academic catalog, or at gpts.edu.

STUDENT AID CHURCH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Sending church courts (sessions, presbyteries, denominations, etc.) can partner with the Seminary to aid distance and resident students in covering the cost of studying in a classroom environment. Toward that end, the Seminary commits to match contributions from the student's sending church up to 1/2 of the cost of tuition and fees for individual students. The arrangements of this program will remain in place as long as two conditions are met: the student remains enrolled in a degree program and the church continues to fulfill an annual commitment.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Prospective students desiring to transfer credit from another seminary should make this known during the application process. An official evaluation will be completed during the Admissions Committee Review.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

Distance Students are required to submit a statement of reasons why they must study at distance, and a letter from a governing church body (preferably Presbytery, but session or other church leadership if necessary) indicating that they are aware of the student's theological education and can be contacted regarding this education program.

ACCREDITATION

Greenville Seminary is a charter member of the Association of Reformed Theological Schools (ARTS). We recognize college degrees accredited by ARTS or any of the following: the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, as well as Bible college degrees accredited through the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). If your school is not accredited by one of these agencies, admissions may be sought on a case-by-case basis.

APPLICANTS WITH AN INCOMPLETE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Students with a 3.0 cumulative GPA who are within one semester of completing an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university are invited to apply under our Academic Graduate policy. The undergraduate degree must be completed within one year of enrollment at Greenville Seminary.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Please note that international applicants must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores for all degree programs unless successfully waived by other documentation. Applicants must pass a TOEFL exam with one of the following scores in order to successfully apply for admission: paper-based (570–575); computer-based (230); and Internet-based (88–89).

APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full legal name _____
last first middle

Maiden name (if applicable) _____

Current mailing address _____
apartment/box/street number

_____ Telephone _____
city state/country zip area code/number (home) area code/number (work)

Citizenship _____
country

E-mail address _____

Applicant's Date of Birth _____
month day year

Applicant's marital status: Single Married Divorced Widowed Re-married
Gender: Male Female

PURPOSE IN SEEKING A SEMINARY EDUCATION

Please indicate your vocational goals — why are you seeking a seminary education?

CHURCH INFORMATION

Where is your current church membership?

_____ name of church mailing address city state zip

_____ phone pastor church clerk date of membership

Are you currently attending the church that holds your membership? Yes No (if no, please explain on separate piece of paper.)

Is the church that holds your membership affiliated with a denomination? Yes No

If yes, what denominational affiliation? Please be specific: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Education beyond high school. Please list all institutions attended including college, university, seminary, and professional training:

name of college/institution – do not abbreviate	state	major	dates attended	degree conferred? if so, what degree?
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Note: An official transcript from each institution is required. Transcripts must be mailed directly from each institution. Please contact admissions@gpts.edu if an official transcript is impossible to obtain.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please indicate the one semester/term in which you plan to begin:

Fall Semester Spring Semester Winter Term Summer Term Year: _____

Please indicate student status:

New Readmission (please attach an explanation) Other

Location:

Taylors Distance

Indicate the one program to which you are seeking admission:

Master of Divinity Master of Arts in Religion Non-Degree Special Student
 Bachelor of Divinity Master of Ministry

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are not a citizen of the United States, please complete this section. Please note that international applicants are encouraged to apply at least one semester prior to the term they plan to enter.

In which country were you born? _____

In which country are you currently a citizen? _____

If you are now residing in the U.S., what is your immigrant or non-immigrant classification? (choose one)

- F-1 J-1 H-1 Permanent Resident (Alien Registration Number: _____)
- F-2 J-2 H-2 Other _____

Note: Please send photocopies of any current U.S. immigration documents. This is especially important for permanent residents.

Will you bring your family with you? (mark one) No Yes, Spouse Only
 Yes, Spouse & Children (number of children _____)

What is your native language? _____

What other languages do you speak? _____

Unless you are studying in your native language at an extension center, you are required to submit a TOEFL (Test of English as a Second Language).

In order to complete all requirements for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, the seminary must receive all necessary documentation associated with the I-20 at least 60 days prior to the term for which you wish to enroll. No I-20 forms will be issued without approval for admission, the required deposit, and a valid affidavit of support. A student transferring from another school in the United States will receive his or her I-20 after arriving on campus. Please see the International Student Checklist for more information.

STATEMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL STUDENTS)

Do you subscribe to the Westminster Standards?

- Yes No

If no, do you take any exceptions? Please list exceptions if any.

In making application to become a student at The Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary I pledge myself to abide by all the regulations of the faculty and administration as stipulated in the Student Handbook (available from the Registrar) to seek in every way to protect the good name of the institution; to preserve and protect the physical properties of the Seminary and to cooperate with the various groups of the Seminary family in creating and maintaining a spirit of Christian fellowship throughout my student days. I understand the Seminary reserves the right to request a student to withdraw at any time.

Signed _____

Date _____