

GRACE
THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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instructions

The following items are required in the application process:

- **Application.** Complete the application form and return it to the Office of Seminary Admissions.
- **Application Fee.** Include a \$30 non-refundable application fee. (Note: the online application is free.)
- **Two References.** Distribute the reference forms to the appropriate persons, making sure they are returned to the Office of Seminary Admissions. One should be completed by a pastor and another by a person of your choice.
- **Church Recommendation.** A pastor at your church or proper church authority should complete the Church Recommendation form.
- **Transcripts.** Submit all official transcripts of college and/or graduate work.

Note to doctoral applicants: In addition to the above requirements, applicants to the doctoral programs are required to submit a third reference form and a resume or C.V. of all previous positions in Christian ministry. Additionally, please complete the Spouse Recommendation form (if applicable), and include a 2–4 page statement (double-spaced) that details your conversion to the Lord, call to ministry, philosophy of ministry, assessment of personal strengths and weaknesses, and objectives in pursuing a doctoral degree.

When all forms have been received and evaluated, you will be advised of the Admissions Committee's decision. The Admissions Committee may request that you submit additional materials and/or that you interview with a representative of the Seminary.

After receiving notice of acceptance, please send the \$250 advance tuition deposit. This payment must be made by July 1 for the fall semester, December 1 for the spring semester, or within 15 days of notification if admission is granted after these dates.

Refunds will be granted only as specified in the Seminary Catalog. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 877.607.0012.

enrollment information

Date of anticipated initial enrollment: ○ Fall ○ Spring ○ Summer Year _____ ○ Full-time ○ Part-time

Have you previously studied at Grace College? ○ Yes ○ No Date(s) (if applicable) _____

Have you previously studied at Grace Seminary? ○ Yes ○ No Date(s) (if applicable) _____

personal information

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Permanent Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Place of Birth _____

Social Security Number _____ E-mail _____

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female

Marital Status (mark all that apply): ○ Single ○ Married ○ Engaged ○ Widowed ○ Separated ○ Divorced

Spouse's Name _____

Name(s) of Child(ren), sex(es), and date(s) of birth _____

Ethnic Background: (optional) ○ Native American ○ Asian ○ African American ○ Hispanic ○ Caucasian

international students

Native Language _____ Country of Citizenship _____

(The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of all students whose native language is not English. A minimum score of 550 is required.)

TOEFL Test Date _____ Score _____

Do you need further information about testing dates and locations? Yes No

Please indicate your current Visa status: Student Exchange Student Permanent Resident: Card Number _____

Expiration Date of: Visa _____ Passport _____

language proficiency

Indicate any foreign language(s) (other than native language) in which you are proficient _____

church information

Name of Church _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Denomination _____ Length of Membership (years) _____ Church Telephone _____

course of study

Specialized Master's Degree Programs: Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies Master of Arts in Local Church Ministry

Master of Divinity with concentrations in: Exegetical Studies Pastoral Studies Counseling
 Intercultural Studies Chaplaincy

Doctor of Ministry with concentrations in: Pastoral Studies Intercultural Studies

Doctor of Missiology

Non-Degree Programs: Certificate in Biblical Studies (one year) Diploma in Theology (three years)

Other _____

educational experience

The applicant must request the registrar of each college, university, and seminary from which a degree has been or will be granted to forward an official transcript to the Office of Seminary Admissions. If the program of study has not yet been completed, another transcript must be filed after the conclusion of current studies. List all schools attended since high school graduation in _____(year):

School	Location	Degree/Major	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

educational experience continued

When do you intend to receive your bachelor's degree (if you do not already have it)? _____

Academic honors, prizes, fellowships, etc., that you have received (including honor societies to which you have been elected):

Have you ever been refused admission to, or been dismissed from, a seminary or other graduate school? No Yes
(If yes, please attach statement of details.)

employment experience

If currently employed, indicate position _____

Please indicate any significant business, occupational, or military experience:

Organization	Nature of Work	Dates (month/year)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

christian service experience

Please indicate any teaching, administrative, pastoral, youth, music, Christian education, or missionary service:

Organization	Location	Position	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

List books, pamphlets, or published articles you have written: _____

christian life and goals

Have you ever regularly used tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs? No Yes

If yes, state which and how long since usage: _____

Anticipated ministry: Pastor Assistant Pastor Youth Minister Counselor
 Teacher Missionary Minister of Christian Education Minister of Music
 Other _____

doctrinal statement

(Please sign one of the following)

I have read the doctrinal statement in the Seminary Catalog, and my convictions are in agreement with the doctrines stated in it.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

I have read the doctrinal statement in the Seminary Catalog, and my convictions are essentially in agreement with the doctrines stated in it. I have elaborated any differences on a separate piece of paper and included it with this application.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

lifestyle commitment

Please read the following statement thoughtfully before signing:

Members of the Grace College and Seminary (Grace Schools) community are committed to the mission of the institution and to living in a manner that brings glory to the name of our Lord. To this end we agree to uphold the standards of the community as cited in this statement.

Since members of the Grace Schools community are also members of the broader community of the body of Jesus Christ, it is expected that everything we do will reflect our commitment, both to our Lord and to His body of believers. This commitment is to be demonstrated by faithful involvement in a local evangelical church, Christian loyalty to each other, and pursuit of the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Our beliefs on all topics are based on scripture (2 Timothy 3:16); therefore, the Word of God is the final authority on all matters of faith and conduct. Members of the Grace Schools community work hard to demonstrate Christ-like attitudes and actions appropriate for mature Christians in their personal lives and in the life of the community. In seeking to live out the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) rather than deeds of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21), items expressly forbidden in the Scripture are not acceptable for members of the Grace Schools community. Examples include pride, greed, lust, slander, drunkenness, profane language, premarital sex, adultery, homosexual behavior, and prejudice (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). We affirm the holy institution of marriage as being between one man and one woman, rooted as it is in God's creation of man and woman and in the relationship of Christ and his church.

Grace Schools values the worth and dignity of human life. Having been made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), those who learn, live, and/or work at the institution are expected to respect and uphold life-affirming practices that distinguish our faith community from other institutions of higher education, particularly for those who are vulnerable members of society. Consistent with a resolution of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches (1982, 1996), Grace Schools believes that human life is worthy of respect and protection at all stages from the time of conception. The sanctity of human life is established by creation (Genesis 1:26-27), social protection (Genesis 9:6) and redemption (John 3:16).

Although Scripture does not provide specific teaching regarding all social practices in a given cultural setting, it does speak to our Christian responsibility in areas of conduct that may be harmful or spiritually offensive to ourselves or to others. In keeping with its objectives to develop moral and spiritual leadership, Grace Schools expects members of the community to demonstrate restraint and discretion in entertainment choices, social activities, and personal habits (Galatians 5:13-23), including substances that may harm our physiological and psychological well-being. Without question, the Christian should act in ways that honor the body, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:1), and God's standard of purity; are morally uplifting; and guide us to godliness through the use of spiritual disciplines including scripture reading, study, and application; prayer; worship; meditation; evangelism; serving; and stewardship.

All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's standards in one way or another (Romans 3:23), but if we ask for His forgiveness, His grace and mercy are extended to us (Ephesians 2:4-5). While recognizing the existence of temptation, sin, and lifestyles that are contrary to biblical truth, Grace Schools expects tangible evidence of life transformation, commitment to growth in Christ, and sound judgment based on biblical principles. Jesus was full of grace and truth (John 1:14) and, in striving toward His example, we seek as a spiritual community to demonstrate a balance of both.

As a community of believers, therefore, those at Grace Schools strive to carry out both individually and collectively the model for conflict management and resolution described in Romans. We make use of biblically-based practices such as arbitration, mediation, grace, restoration, forgiveness, and redemption to live at peace with each other (Romans 12: 16-21) and strive to resolve disagreements in private or within the Christian community using the biblical principles of 1 Corinthians 6:1-8, Matthew 5:23-34, and Matthew 18:15-20 as guidelines.

We acknowledge that God has placed institutions and individuals in positions of authority over Christians and our biblical response is one of submission (Romans 13:1-8). God and His word are our final authority and give us guidance in areas such as relationships, marriage, the church, human government, spiritual leaders, and employers. Our testimony in these matters of authority is powerful when our actions are based on biblical truth rather than individual gain. Our responsibility as citizens is submission, but we also have rights as citizens to protection; therefore, although there may be competing interests, we value the right to appeal decisions based on our biblically-informed

notice of non-discrimination

Grace College and Seminary is a private, not-for-profit, faith-based exempt organization as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In compliance with applicable federal and state laws, Grace College and Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability in its administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs and activities, or in employment.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the Notice of Nondiscrimination:

Carrie Yocum, Title IX Coordinator and VP of Administration and Compliance
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Inquiries may also be addressed to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-1100.

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