Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

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Application for Admissions

Application fee: $35.00. Attach check payable to Gettysburg Seminary.

Name _____
Last First Middle Title Preferred Name

Present Mailing Address _____

_____

_____ **Valid until** _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Permanent Address _____

(If different from above.) _____

Phone Number _____

1.) I am applying for admission to *one* of the following programs of studies:

☐ Master of Divinity

☐ Master of Arts in Ministerial Studies
(Choose one)
- ☐ Christian Education Track
- ☐ Diaconal Ministry Track

☐ Master of Arts in Religion
(Choose one)
- ☐ Religion & Media
- ☐ Theological Discipline

☐ Non-degree Program (Special Student Status)

OR

2.) I am applying to *Affiliate* with LTSG for:
(Choose one)
- ☐ Commissioning
- ☐ Consecration
- ☐ Ordination

If admitted, I plan to begin my studies in _____, _____
(September, January, or February) Year

(It is highly desirable to begin studies in the September term rather than mid-term).

If admitted I plan to begin studies on a ☐ full-time, ☐ part-time basis. (select one)

Signature _____ Date _____

Personal

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____ Gender _____

Previous or Other Name(s) _____

Spouse or Fiancée's full name and birthdate _____

Wedding Date if engaged _____

Children's full names and birthdates _____

_____

Congregation to which you belong:

Name _____ Pastor _____

Address _____

If you are seeking admission for the Master of Divinity or Master of Arts in Ministerial Studies track, or if you are affiliating for commissioning, consecration, or ordination:

To which Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America have you applied for candidacy?

_____

If you are not a member of the ELCA, indicate your denomination/church body and regional unit.

_____

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a criminal offense? (yes/no) _____

If yes, please provide further detail and explanation.

_____

_____

_____

Date(s) _____

Essay

For Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Ministerial Studies applicants:
Attach a copy of your ELCA candidacy entrance essay OR a typed "Autobiographical Essay" setting forth in approximately 1200 words:

(a) The significant events in your life, your Christian experience, your relationship to the church;
(b) An assessment of your strengths and weaknesses as a candidate for a church career; and
(c) Why you decided to attend seminary.

For Master of Arts in Religion applicants:
Attach a typed essay setting forth in approximately 800-1000 words:

(a) An articulation of your sense of vocation;
(b) Why you believe your selected discipline is an important one in the current cultural climate; and
(c) The experiences you bring with you that will enable you to engage in this field of study OR the gifts you hope to develop during your time in seminary.

Educational

Request the registrar of each college attended to send an official transcript to the office of admissions. (List all colleges attended below.)

Institution	Location	Dates of Attendance From	To	Degree	Year Degree Received/Expected

Have you ever been dismissed or suspended from any academic institution? (yes/no) _____

If yes, comment on this in your autobiographical essay.

Name of institution(s) _____

Date(s) _____

To which other seminaries are you applying for admission? _____

_____

Housing

Housing information and applications are sent out in March to those who have already been admitted. Thereafter, applicants receive housing information and formal housing applications after their letter of acceptance.

I desire on-campus housing. ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Dormitory ☐ Efficiency

☐ Apartment

- ☐ one bedroom ☐ two bedroom
- ☐ three bedroom ☐ four bedroom

References

List below the names, addresses, and phone numbers of persons to whom reference forms were given.

1. Your pastor: (If a relative, please provide name/address/phone of a non-relative clergyperson.) *(Applicants for the MAR concentration in Religion & Media may substitute a supervisor who is familiar with your work in the fields of religion and/or media for the pastoral reference)*

   Name: _____

   Address: _____

   Phone: (D) _____ (E) _____

   If you are a college student living away from home, please use a college chaplain or campus pastor as an additional reference—or, if you have been away from a home parish for an extended period of time (i.e. military service, graduate school, etc.) please also list a former pastor. If your church currently is without a pastor or has recently called a new pastor, you may also list another pastor or rostered leader.

   Name: _____

   Address: _____

   Phone: (D) _____ (E) _____

2. A teacher or an advisor in an academic setting. If you have been out of school for an extended period of time, enter the name of a supervisor or peer in a professional setting who is acquainted with your academic abilities.

   Name: _____

   Address: _____

   Phone: (D) _____ (E) _____ ☐ Academic ☐ Professional

3. A non-relative lay person who has known you in a leadership role:

   Name: _____

   Address: _____

   Phone: (D) _____ (E) _____