

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY{PRIVATE }

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***DISTANCE LEARNING - MASTER OF DIVINITY PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION***

{PRIVATE }Personal Information				
Anticipated Date of Entrance:				
Name Last First Middle			Social Security Number:	
Other names used (maiden, nickname, alias):			Driver's License Number:	
Present Address			State of Issuance:	
Permanent Address			E-mail	
			Home Telephone	
			Cell Phone	
			Office Telephone	
			FAX	
Place of Birth			Birth Date	
If Married, Spouse's Name and Occupation				
Names and Ages of Children:				
Country of Citizenship			If not U.S.A., Passport Number	
{PRIVATE }Educational Background (List all colleges/universities attended. Submit one official transcript from each.)				
College/University/Other	Years Attended	Major Field(s)	Degree Earned	Year Received
Awards/Honors				
High School Attended:		City/State:		Date Graduated:

{PRIVATE }Employment Information (Begin with your most recent employment.)

Full-Time Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Type of Work
Part-Time			

{PRIVATE }Activities Information (List activities, hobbies and special interests.)

{PRIVATE }Religious Information

Baptism: Church Location Date	Confession of Faith/ Church Location Date Confirmation:
Present Church Membership: Name of Church	From: Date To: Date
Church Address	Present Minister
Minister's Address	Home Phone () Office ()

Denomination

List those church activities in which you have actively participated. Note leadership roles (including elder and deacon) and dates.

List those religious activities beyond the congregation (e.g. denominational, ecumenical, etc.) in which you have actively participated.

Are you officially enrolled as a candidate for ministry under the care of classis, presbytery, conference, or other ecclesiastical assembly? If yes, please indicate name of classis, presbytery, conference or ecclesiastical assembly.

____ Yes ____ No ____ In Process Name: _____

Self-Assessment

Please evaluate yourself in the following areas by circling the appropriate response: (You may use a separate sheet for any response.)

4 = Excellent 3 = Good 2 = Average 1 = Poor

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|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Leadership Potential | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2. Emotional Stability | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| 3. Academic Ability | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 4. Spiritual Maturity | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5. Ability to Communicate | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 6. Interpersonal Relationships | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 7. Takes Initiative | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 8. Perseverance | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 9. Self Directed | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

10. I have persisted over time and completed long-term goals in my life.
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|----------------|--|----------|---|----|
| Yes Repeatedly | | Somewhat | | No |
| 4 | | 3 | 2 | 1 |

Please provide an example:

11. I am experienced at balancing numerous demands on my time.
- | | | | | |
|------------------|--|--------------|---|----|
| Yes Consistently | | Occasionally | | No |
| 4 | | 3 | 2 | 1 |

Please provide an example:

12. I am experienced taking responsibility and would be comfortable taking initiative to communicate with classmates or faculty online.
- | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|----------|---|----|
| Yes – Comfortable | | Somewhat | | No |
| 4 | | 3 | 2 | 1 |

13. Have you been denied admission or dismissed from a seminary or graduate school? Yes ____ No ____
- If yes, please explain:

14. Have you even been convicted of a felony? Yes ____ No ____
- If yes, please explain:

15. Describe the reasons for your decision to enter the seminary and your present aims and aspirations for ministry. (You may submit your response on another page.)

16. **Spiritual Autobiography**
 In two to five pages, write a brief autobiography. This must be typewritten or legibly printed and should include information about your family of origin, early childhood and adolescence, as well as your adult life. You will want to pay attention to significant persons and relationships, formative experiences and events, and your faith journey. Tell about a few books you have read recently and how they have influenced your life and thought or faith. Identify intercultural experiences you have had that have influenced your life and thought or faith.

Criminal Conviction Background Check

1. I authorize **Western Theological Seminary (WTS)** through its independent contractor, **Kroll Background America, Inc. (KBA)**, to procure background information (also known as a "consumer report and/or investigative consumer report") about me. I understand that this authorization and release is valid for future background information requests as long as I am a student at **WTS**.
2. I further authorize a person, business entity or governmental agency that may have relevant information to disclose it to **WTS** through **KBA**.
3. I understand that I am entitled to a complete copy of any background information report of which I am the subject upon my written request to **KBA**.
4. For a complete statement of rights and requirements I can refer to the "Permission to Obtain a Background Check" form in this packet.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I would like a copy of the results of this background check (circle one): YES NO

{PRIVATE }Reference Information – Invite those you list below to complete the reference forms included in this application and have them sent to Western Theological Seminary.

1. A friend, other than a relative, who can comment on your spiritual maturity and relational skills:

Name	Address
Home Phone	Office Phone

2. A church member, other than a relative, who can comment on your promise for church leadership:

Name	Address
Home Phone	Office Phone

3. Your present minister (or a minister who knows you best) who can best assess your gifts for ministry:

Name	Address
Home Phone	Office Phone

4. A college professor, if a recent graduate, otherwise a supervisor who can attest to your capacity for learning:

Name	Address
Home Phone	Office Phone

My {PRIVATE }Health _____Excellent _____Fair _____Poor

List major illnesses and/or surgery (and dates):

Previous residences (City, State, Dates)

I certify that information submitted on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

The vision of Western Theological Seminary is to prepare Christians called by God to lead the church in mission. If we can assist you by answering questions, please contact us:

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Please include:
Application
Spiritual Autobiography
\$50 Application Fee
Recent Photograph
Statement of Church Membership

Please request:
Official Transcripts from all
undergraduate & graduate
institutions