

Application Instructions

These instructions are designed to answer some of the questions commonly asked when applying for admission. If you have questions that are not answered by these instructions or the catalog, please call the Admissions Office at 800.827.1043 or 763.417.8250. We cannot accept applications by fax.



Please collect all documentation required and submit it to Central Baptist Theological Seminary in a single, oversized envelope along with the corresponding application fee. If any part of your application documentation (including addenda, endorsements, and references) is not in our office by the deadline, the late fee applies. Application deadlines and fees:

Graduate (\$35.00; \$50.00 after deadline; \$25 non-degree)	Postgraduate (\$60.00; \$75.00 after deadline)
Fall Term - July 1	Fall Term - April 1
Spring Term - December 1	Spring Term - October 1
Summer Term - May 1	

The following instructions correspond to the specified sections of the Application for Admission.

3. Tell us about your Academic Background

Your application must include transcripts of your work at every college and university you have attended. This includes, but is not limited to, schools from which you transferred work to earn a degree at another school.

You should request that transcript(s) be sent to Central Seminary. A "Request for Transcript" form is included. If you have attended more than one school, photocopy the form and send one to each school. If you do not remember the address of your college, you may call our Admissions Office and we will try to find it. Your signature is mandatory; a school cannot send your transcript without your signature on the request. Be aware that some schools charge a fee for providing a transcript.

Your acceptance will be conditioned on our receiving an official transcript from each school where you received a prerequisite degree.

4. Tell us about your References

The "Reference" form may either be returned directly to Central Seminary or returned as part of the application packet. In the latter case, the reference should seal the form in an envelope, sign across the seal, and return it to you. We ask that your references not be related to you, such as a parent, in-law, spouse, etc.

Note: If you are the pastor of the church, we suggest either a close pastor friend or a mentor who knows you well should complete this form.

8. Acknowledgements & Agreements

Please acknowledge your adherence to these specific guidelines and doctrines. If you have questions about these doctrines which are not clarified by our Doctrinal Statement or in the catalog, please contact the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Incoming Student Information

This information *will not* be considered when the Admissions Office evaluates your application. We need this information for statistical reporting purposes and to get to know you. If you prefer, you may submit this information after you have been accepted.

Standardized Tests and Writing Samples (postgraduate applicants only)

Students enrolling in the Master of Theology (Th.M), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D), or Doctor of Theology (Th.D) must take the GRE exam. We encourage these students to send us early "unofficial" copies of their GRE test scores to be used for internal evaluation for admission. Before a student can be admitted, however, we need "official" results (no more than 5 years old) from the testing agency. Our institutional code is 6953.

Postgraduate applicants must also submit a major M.Div. paper or a Th.M. thesis.