

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

This is a self-managed application. Please collect all documentation required and submit it to Central Baptist Theological Seminary in a single, oversized envelope along with a \$60.00 application fee (\$75.00 after deadline). Application deadline is 90 days prior to the term.

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 Doctor of Ministry Handbook, please call the Admissions Office at 800.827.1043 or 763.417.8250. We cannot accept applications by fax.

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 forms 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. Please note the different kinds of reference forms for each reference.

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 the pastoral reference form.

7. Tell us about your Experiences

"Direction for ministry" – Please include a 4-5 page, double spaced paper explaining your current philosophy of ministry. Also include one sermon manuscript and a 10 page, double-spaced paper demonstrating your view of "abiding sin." The paper should demonstrate an ability to write coherently, but need not be a formal research paper.

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.