

Admissions Application

for all degree programs except the Doctor of Ministry

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For each school attended beyond high school, give:

Name of institution	Attended from/to	Degree or diploma	GPA	Year degree was/will be received
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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If the answer to any of the following questions is "yes," please attach a statement of explanation as **"Addendum #3:"**

Have you ever been expelled or suspended by any school? Yes No

Do you have any outstanding financial responsibilities to other schools? Yes No

Are you under any kind of disciplinary action (or pending action) by any school? Yes No

4. Tell us about your References (non-degree students submit only a Pastoral Reference)

Name of Pastoral Reference	Position	Phone	Email
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Name of Educational Reference	Position	Phone	Email
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5. Tell us about your Church Affiliation

Name of local church where you are a member or in current fellowship: _____

City	State	Pastor
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If you have attended this church less than one year, where were you attending before? _____

For how long? _____

Is this church affiliated with an ecclesiastical body? Yes No If so, which one? _____

6. Tell us about your Personal Status

Sex: Male Female
Marital status: Single Married Engaged Widowed *Separated *Divorced

*If you have checked "Separated" or "Divorced," please include a statement of explanation as **"Addendum #6a."**

Spouse's name: _____ Date of birth: ____/____/____. Date of marriage: ____/____/____.

Has your spouse (fiancé/fiancée) ever been divorced? Yes No If "yes," please include an explanation as **"Addendum #6b."**

Please attach a signed statement written by your spouse or fiancé/fiancée describing his/her conversion and whether he/she is in agreement with your plans to enter seminary. Please attach as **"Addendum #6c."**

Children:

Name	Date of Birth	Name	Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Citizenship:

Of what country are you a citizen? _____ Type of citizenship: by birth by naturalization

If an international student, are you a permanent resident (holder of a green card)? Yes No If no, what type of visa do you have? _____

English Proficiency: Applicants for whom English is not their native or birth language and who have not received a degree from the U.S. must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Is English your native or birth language? Yes No If no, date when TOEFL was or will be taken: (required) _____

Health:

Have you ever been under mental or emotional health care? Yes No

Will you have medical insurance when you arrive on campus? Yes No

Financial:

Are you on a sound financial basis at this time? Yes No

What indebtedness are you experiencing at this time? _____

Have you ever been delinquent in any of your past financial obligations? Yes No If yes, please explain as "Addendum #6d."

What is your plan for meeting the expenses of seminary study? _____

Other:

Do you plan to apply for V.A. educational benefits? Yes No If so, under what chapter/program? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No If so, please explain as "Addendum #6e."

7. Tell us about your Experiences

Please answer these questions using a word processor and attach all answers as "Addendum #7."

Salvation experience: Please attach a signed statement describing your conversion (length of about one-half to one page).

Direction for ministry: Please attach a signed statement describing your conviction about the Lord's leading you into ministry. Discuss your commitment to Christian service in the area of your particular interest and how Central Seminary can help you achieve this.

Employment experiences: Please attach a current resumé.

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Christian service/ministry experience: Please give positions held, the ministry, and the dates of service.

Summary: What other facts would help the Admissions Office evaluate your experience in Christian service?

8. Acknowledgements & Agreements

Doctrinal Statement:

Have you read the Doctrinal Statement in the catalog? Yes No Do you adhere to that statement? Yes No
If no, please attach an “**Addendum #8**” explaining areas of disagreement.

In the interest of campus unity, do you agree not to promote views contrary to the Doctrinal Statement of the seminary? Yes No

Agreement:

I promise, in submission to the Holy Spirit’s guidance, that if admitted to Central Seminary I will at all times conduct myself as a Christian, faithfully and diligently apply myself to the studies as required by the seminary curriculum, promptly meet all financial and other obligations, carefully observe the rules and regulations as set forth by the seminary and its faculty, and submit to the authority of the faculty and administration (I understand that faithful adherence to this promise is expected throughout my seminary career). I also affirm that the facts in this application and accompanying biographical statement(s) are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that misrepresentation of any information I submit is grounds for denial of admission and/or expulsion as a student.

Signature of Applicant

Date

9. Applicant’s Checklist

- I have reviewed all parts of this application packet, and I have completed all questions.
- I have included the nonrefundable application fee.
- I have requested my transcript(s) to be sent directly to Central Seminary.
- I have enclosed the “Church Endorsement” form in a sealed envelope (not required for non-degree students).
- I have started arrangements to take TOEFL (if English is not birth language).
- I have enclosed, in sealed envelopes, the necessary “Reference” forms (distributed with “waiver of rights” section filled out).
- I have included my signed conversion statement.
- I have included my signed statement of the Lord’s leading or the reason for applying to Central Seminary.
- I have included my spouse’s signed information statement (if applicable).
- I have included my “Incoming Student Information” sheet.
- I have included all additional applicable addenda.

Postgraduate students only:

- I have requested my GRE scores to be sent directly to Central Seminary or have scheduled my exam.
- I have included a major M.Div. paper or a Th.M. thesis.

After completing all of the above items, please mail your complete application packet to:

Admissions Office
Central Seminary
900 Forestview Lane N
Plymouth, MN 55441

(This information will not be used in considering you for admission.)

Please email us a wallet size photograph of yourself and, if married or engaged, a photograph of your spouse or fiancé/fiancée.

Ethnic origin (required for statistical reporting purposes):

- Non-Resident Alien (i.e., will attend Central Seminary under a _____ visa status)
- American Indian or Alaskan native (type of visa)
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- Black or African-American
- White, non-Hispanic

Please list any physical disabilities or limitations, such as blindness or hearing problems. _____

Name of parents: _____ Parents' phone: (_____) _____

Parents' address: _____

May we send your parents Central Seminary's newsletter, *The Testimony*? Yes No

Name of parents-in-law: _____ Parents-in-law phone: (_____) _____

Address of parents-in-law: _____

May we send your parents-in-law Central's newsletter, *The Testimony*? Yes No

How did you first hear about Central Baptist Theological Seminary? _____

What or who prompted you to apply to Central Seminary? _____

Are you a veteran who will receive veteran's benefits during your studies? Yes No

Your name (signature)

Your name (printed)

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.