School of Theology and Ministry
Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies

Application Instructions and Procedures

All application materials must be received by the application deadline to receive full consideration. For application deadlines and entry terms, refer to the priority deadlines. International applicants and those with international transcripts should consult the International Requirements Page, for deadlines and other requirements, as they may differ.

- Complete graduate application form and submit the $55 non-refundable application fee. The fee is waived for Seattle University alumni and employees.
- Evidence of the minimum of an earned four-year baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution or U.S. equivalent. Submit a degree-posted transcript from the last 90 quarter/60 semester graded credits of your bachelor’s degree, including any transfer institution credit earned during this time period. Official Transcripts from any post-baccalaureate institution will also be required.
- Domestic applicants with GPA below 2.75 in last 90 quarter/60 semester credits or have graduated from a non-graded institution, submit official Miller Analogy Test (MAT) scores. International applicants are required to have 3.00 GPA or higher.
- Two recommendations, with at least one from a ministry-related professional familiar with your religious/spiritual development and can address your readiness for ministry. (Note: Recommendation forms are provided electronically through the application).
- Résumé reflecting at least 2 years of related experiences in ministry, education, or service as a professional or volunteer. The 2 years of experience are cumulative and do not need to be consecutive.
- Autobiographical statement (5-8 pages) including:
  a) A three to five page account of your life. Include important events and relationships, highlighting the influence of these on your development (3-5 pages).
  b) Give a brief statement (2-3 pages) of your impressions of the program and your expectations of it. Include a description of why you want to pursue this degree, what professional skills and understandings you seek, and areas of personal growth most important to you.
  c) List and describe any major ministry or church-related experiences, formal or informal education (workshops, institutes, readings), and volunteer experience not highlighted on your resume.
- Interview with STM admissions committee faculty.
- Graduate and post baccalaureate applicants who received a baccalaureate degree or higher from Seattle University or a recognized college or university in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, Bahamas, Jamaica, Kenya, Singapore, and Trinidad and Tobago will not be required to submit English proficiency test scores. Students earning a degree in a country other than those listed above may provide official documentation from the degree-granting institution verifying that all instruction was in English. A minimum of three years of enrollment at the university is required. English proficiency may be met with an official TOEFL
score of 86 (IBT), or the IELTS exam with a minimum score of 6.0; PTE score of 63; or Duolingo score of 110.

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