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FLOURISH IN YOUR FAITH AT PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary offers the master of divinity (M.Div.), master of theological studies (MTS), master of arts in pastoral studies (MAPS), and doctor of ministry programs, as well as an array of graduate certificate programs. All programs are designed to equip you with a deep love for theological theory and a set of practical ministry skills that prepare you to live out your calling serving Christ.

Review the application deadlines and requirements for our master's, doctoral, and certificate seminary programs, including special information for transfer, international, and non-degree students. We are excited to get to know you throughout the application process; please do not hesitate to reach out to the Admissions Office with any questions.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

MASTER'S AND CERTIFICATES

2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

Semester	Application Deadline	Start Date
Fall 2025	July 15, 2025	Sept. 5, 2025
Spring 2026	Jan. 5, 2026	Feb. 2, 2026

2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

Semester	Application Deadline	Start Date
International Students	Dec. 5, 2025	Sept. 7, 2026
Fall 2026 Priority	Jan. 15, 2026	Sept. 7, 2026
Fall 2026	July 15, 2026	Sept. 7, 2026
Spring 2027	Jan. 4, 2027	Feb. 1, 2027

Financial aid is available on a first come first served basis. **Apply early!**

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ADAPTIVE AND INNOVATIVE MINISTRY

We're currently accepting applications for the 2025-2026 cohort. Apply by July 15 to begin classes in September 2025.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Please note that applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Apply early, and before the priority deadline, for best consideration given a limited number of spots are available. If all spots in a particular cohort are filled, you can apply to be placed on a waitlist.

2025 LAUNCH

	Application Deadline	Cohort Start Date
Intergenerational Black Church Studies	April 21, 2025	June 2025
Missional Leadership	April 21, 2025	June 2025
Reformed	March 12, 2025	June 2025

2026 LAUNCH

	Application Deadline	Cohort Start Date
2026 Cohorts Priority Deadline	Dec. 5, 2025	June 2026
Bridging Divides	April 17, 2026	June 2026
Christian Spirituality	April 17, 2026	June 2026
Creative Writing and Public Theology	April 17, 2026	June 2026

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Find the application requirements for your student type and intended program of study below.

MASTER'S AND CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S STUDENTS

MASTER'S TRANSFER STUDENTS

ALTERNATE CREDENTIAL MASTER'S AND CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY STUDENTS

ALTERNATE CREDENTIAL DOCTOR OF MINISTRY STUDENTS

NON-DEGREE STUDENTS

WHAT'S NEXT AFTER STARTING AN APPLICATION

After starting an application to PTS, students should review the following next steps to ensure they stay on track with the admissions process and adhere to program deadlines.

Follow up with references, reviewing any questions they have about what they need to do in order to submit their reference in a timely manner.

Ensure you have requested transcripts from all schools where you have received academic credit.

Begin the background check process.

Explore financial aid opportunities.

Connect with your admissions counselor or the Office of Admission at [Click to view e-mail](#) or [Click to view e-mail](#) for individualized assistance on completing the application.

NEXT STEPS FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS

Students who have been accepted to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary should take the following steps to complete their enrollment and get prepared before their first semester.

Submit the \$50 intent to enroll form and **deposit fee**. This assures a place in the next entering class. This fee is non-refundable but is credited to the student's account upon enrollment.

Explore PTS housing options.

Review upcoming semester schedules.

Learn about upcoming master's courses.

Learn about upcoming doctor of ministry cohorts.

Any questions on how to enroll or other next steps can be **directed to your admissions counselor** or the Office of Admission at [Click to view e-mail](#) or [Click to view e-mail](#).

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is committed to providing a transformative seminary education that equips students with lifelong skills and a renewed vigor for their calling. As such, we aim to make our programs a possibility for all, regardless of financial need through a range of financial aid offerings.

Financial aid is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Students are encouraged to apply early in the application season. Our financial aid team is eager to connect with students who have questions, hoping to make the financial aid application process as straightforward and stress-free as possible.

Explore all financial aid opportunities, or apply now for financial aid.



CONTACT ADMISSIONS

Our admissions team is excited to connect with you if you have any questions or need assistance throughout the admissions process. **Contact admissions** to learn more about our application or the transformative experience at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

APPLY NOW TO PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary community inspires students to transform their faith into a fulfilling life following their calling and doing God's work. Our master's and doctoral degree seminary programs create compassionate, forward-thinking practitioners who are equipped with practical ministry skills and a deep theological understanding.

If you're ready to get started on your journey to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, **request more information** or **start your application**.

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