

MASTERS ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL ADMISSION CANDIDATES

Programs of Study

According to regulations of The Association of Theological Schools (ATS), the major accrediting body that grants us the privilege to teach at a graduate level and the association by which we are governed and accredited, candidates for the Special Admissions status may enter the professional theological degrees only: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Transformational Leadership, Master of Arts in Theology and Social Justice.

Theological Writing Sample

Applicants for special admission will also submit for evaluation a typed writing sample of 2,000-2,500 words on the following topic: “The Implications of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus on My Ministry Today” or a theological topic that has been mutually agreed upon after consultation with the admissions liaison. This essay will be evaluated by the faculty as further evidence of readiness to do graduate-level work. This should be submitted in a written research format: typed double spaced, 12-point type, Times New Roman.

Selection Process

Those applying for admission as special admit students will be placed on a waiting list and ranked on the following considerations:

- whether or not they have earned baccalaureate degrees from non-accredited colleges or Bible colleges
- if they do not have such degrees, the number and quality of years of their collegiate education the quality of their ministry experiences and achievements
- letters of outstanding recommendation

Credit Guidelines & Financial Aid Considerations

The Association of Theological Schools allows us to accept students with 60 credits of bachelor’s level coursework from an accredited institution. However, the government mandates that Federal Student Loans for master’s-level students will be made available only to those students who have completed a minimum of 72 credits of bachelor’s and/or master’s work. As a result, students who have not yet earned the 72-credit minimum to be eligible for federal loans will need to secure alternate forms of funding such as grants, loans, etc. when they initially enroll. Once students reach the 72-credit minimum they can apply for Federal Student Loans. Most students in the *special admission* category will surpass 72 credits with the completion of their first year of full-time enrollment.