

NEW BRUNSWICK **THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

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Application for Admission

Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Program
Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.T.S.) Program



New Brunswick Theological Seminary is a teaching institution of the Reformed Church in America, called by God to be a servant of the whole church of Jesus Christ.

The Seminary's mission is to continue the ministry of Jesus in our time and place by enabling persons to translate their calling and gifts into faithful Christian ministry.

www.nbts.edu

New Brunswick Theological Seminary is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and licensed by the Board of Higher Education of the State of New Jersey and the Board of Regents of the State of New York.

Personal Information

Name _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Current mailing address: _____

Permanent address: (if different from above): _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Female Male Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Are you a US Citizen or permanent resident? Yes No Are you currently in the US? Yes No

If you are not a US citizen or perm. resident, and are now in the US, what is your current visa/status? _____

Do you need the nonimmigrant student form (an I-20) to apply for an F-1 visa abroad or to transfer F-1 status to NBTS from another school in the US? Yes No

Note: F-1 Students must document the ability to fund their entire program of study and living expenses while at NBTS.

Are you currently employed? Yes No Full-time Part-time

If yes, where? _____

How did you learn about NBTS? _____

Expected term for Seminary entrance: Fall Spring Year _____

Degree program:

Master of Divinity

Master of Arts in Theological Studies, concentration in:

Biblical Studies

Old Testament or New Testament (please choose major)

Pastoral Care

Urban Ministry

Historical & Constructive Theology

Historical Theology or Constructive Theology (please choose major)

Church & Society

Campus: New Brunswick New York (at St. John's University)

Will you attend: Full time (12 credits or more per term) Part time (less than 12 credits per term)

Do you wish to apply for federal student loans?* Yes No (U.S. citizens/permanent residents only)

Do you wish to apply for NBTS scholarships?** Yes No

Do you wish to apply for Seminary housing if available? Yes No

If you check 'yes', to any of the above, we will mail you detailed information once you have been admitted.

*Stafford loan eligibility: Applicants must be US citizens or legal permanent residents; admitted to full NBTS degree programs (not special, non-degree, or limited enrollment students); registered for at least six credits per semester.

**Scholarship eligibility: Most awards are based on demonstrated financial need.

Church Information

Specific denominational affiliation _____ Website _____

Local church membership _____
Church name and website _____

Address and telephone number _____

Pastor's name and e-mail address _____

Applicants who are members of the Reformed Church in America:

Are you enrolled with Classis as a candidate for the Ministry? Yes No

If yes, name of Classis _____

Has your Classis applied for a Certificate of Fitness for Ministry for you? Yes No

Scholastic Information

A bachelor's degree is required. From which undergraduate institution did you receive your bachelor's degree? *

Degree received _____ Date (to be) received _____

If you have a graduate or professional degree(s), from which graduate institution did you receive it (them)?
Provide a transcript only if you wish the credits to be considered for transfer to NBTS.

Institution _____

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Please list **all** other currently and previously attended colleges, universities, and graduate institutions.
(Include city and state, and the dates of attendance)

*Under extraordinary circumstances, a student without a bachelor's degree may be admitted on probation to the Master of Divinity program. See page 14 of the Seminary catalog for details.

In order to complete your application, New Brunswick Theological Seminary must receive the following information at this address:

**Office of Student Services/Admissions
New Brunswick Theological Seminary
17 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1196**

1. **This completed application form together with a non-refundable check or money order of \$50.00 made payable to NBTS.** Applications may be submitted any time during the applicant's senior year in college or subsequent to graduation but must be received no later than two months prior to the semester for which application for admission is being made.
2. **Official transcripts of all undergraduate courses, including current courses when completed.** Have these sent directly to the Seminary by the registrar of the institution. If you are currently finishing your undergraduate degree, have a second transcript sent that confirms the date when the degree was conferred.
3. **Recommendations:** (two forms enclosed) **from professors or job supervisors who know your work.**

Name of recommender

Name of recommender

Phone/e-mail address

Phone/e-mail address

Master of Divinity applicants must have a third recommendation from their pastor (form enclosed).

Name of recommending pastor

Phone/e-mail address

All recommendations should be sent directly to the Seminary by the persons who write them.

4. **A 500 to 1,000 word statement as to why you wish to study at NBTS.** Include both of the following:
 - a. Describe your understanding of your call to ministry and your spiritual journey.
 - b. In what ways are you able to appreciate cultural diversity? Can you learn from theological traditions different from your own? Please give examples.

Student Certification

As an essential part of the admissions process, applicants are requested to provide several kinds of information regarding their personal and academic background. Failure to make written disclosure of information solicited on the application form, or misrepresentation in the information supplied, constitutes a *prima facie* basis for denial of admission. Where omissions or misrepresentations come to light after matriculation at the Seminary, and are reasonably believed to cast doubt upon the student's suitability for theological study, he or she is subject to dismissal. ***By my signature below, I certify that I have read the above statement and that all the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.***

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Academic/Supervisory Recommendation

TO THE APPLICANT: Please provide the information requested on the top of the form, then give the form to the person giving you a reference, along with a stamped envelope addressed to the **Student Services/ Admission, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, 17 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 08901**

Name of Applicant _____

Degree Sought _____ Person writing recommendation _____

I hereby _____WAIVE _____ DO NOT WAIVE my right to access to this recommendation in the event that I become a student at the institution and am accorded this right.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Please comment briefly below, indicating the ways in which you know the applicant and the relationship that has formed the basis of your judgment. We will appreciate your candid evaluation of the applicant's intellectual ability, maturity, sense of responsibility, character, emotional stability, and any other factors that may determine readiness for graduate study in Theology and effectiveness in a position of leadership in ministry.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name Printed _____

Title/Position _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ E-Mail _____

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Pastor's Recommendation

(for Master of Divinity applicants)

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