



# NEW BRUNSWICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

**NEW JERSEY CAMPUS**

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ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY  
ST. JOHN'S HALL, ROOM B36  
8000 UTOPIA PARKWAY  
JAMAICA, NY 11439  
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## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

MASTER OF DIVINITY (M.DIV.) PROGRAM  
MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) PROGRAM

Called in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, New Brunswick Theological Seminary participates in God's own laboring to fulfill God's reign on earth. Rooted in the Reformed tradition and centered in its trust of God's sovereignty and grace, the Seminary is an inter-cultural, ecumenical school of Christian faith, learning, and scholarship committed to its metro-urban and global contexts.

Our mission is to educate persons and strengthen communities for transformational, public ministries in church and society. We fulfill this mission through creative, contextual, and critical engagement with texts, traditions, and practices.

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Accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, and the following degree programs are approved: MDiv, MA, DMin

The following extension sites are approved as specified: Jamaica, Queens, NY Approved Degrees: MDiv, MA

The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada  
10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15275 USA Telephone: 412-788-6505, Fax: 412-788-6510, <http://www.ats.edu>

# 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 (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, concentration in:

Biblical Studies

Old Testament **or**  New Testament (please choose major)

Pastoral Care and Counseling

Historical & Constructive Theology

Historical Theology **or**  Constructive Theology (please choose major)

Church & Society (currently unavailable)

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

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

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 a demonstrated financial need.

## Church Information

Specific denominational affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Local church membership \_\_\_\_\_

Church name

Address

Telephone number

Pastor's name

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?

*Institution* \_\_\_\_\_

Degree received \_\_\_\_\_ Date (to be) received \_\_\_\_\_

If your earned bachelor's degree includes transfer credits from another institution, these institutions should be listed below with other previously attended colleges.

If you have a graduate or professional degree(s), from which graduate institution did you receive it (them)?

*Institution* \_\_\_\_\_

Degree received \_\_\_\_\_ Date (to be) received \_\_\_\_\_

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Degree received \_\_\_\_\_ Date (to be) received \_\_\_\_\_

### Previously Attended College, Universities, and Graduate Schools

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

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

Office of Admissions  
New Brunswick Theological Seminary  
35 Seminary Place  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

1. **This completed application form together with a non-refundable check or money order for \$50 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 once completed.**
  - a. If your earned bachelor's degree includes transfer credits from another institution, you must submit an official transcript from each institution.
  - b. If you are currently finishing your undergraduate degree, have a second transcript sent that confirms the date once the degree is conferred.
  - c. If you have a graduate or professional degree(s), please provide a transcript only if you wish the credits to be considered for transfer to NBTS.All transcripts should be sent directly to the Seminary by the registrar of the institution.
3. **Background Check Release Form:** Attach the completed release form with \$25 processing fee (separate check).
4. **Recommendations:** Two forms from professors or job supervisors who know your work (forms enclosed).

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Name of Recommender Telephone Email

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

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Name of Recommending Pastor Telephone Email

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

5. **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? (Include examples of how you feel you can learn from theological traditions that are different from your own?)

## 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 following:

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's email \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Pastor's Recommendation**  
(for Master of Divinity applicants)

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