



Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Application for Admission

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*A seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 A member school of the Graduate Theological Union*

I intend to begin at PLTS: January 20___ Spring 20___ Summer 20___ Fall 20___

 First (Given) Name Middle Name Last (Family) Name (Name you preferred to be called)

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Former/Alternate Names _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Your <u>Current</u> Information:		Information where you can <u>always</u> be reached:	
			
Mailing Address		Mailing Address	
			
Home Phone	Daytime Phone	Home Phone	Daytime Phone
			
Current E-Mail Address		Permanent or Alternate E-Mail Address	

If you have questions while filling out this application, feel free to contact the Admissions Center:
admissions@plts.edu or 1.800.235.PLTS.



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Application for Admission, Page 2: Degree Program and Church Membership

Degree Program (Select one) Descriptions of these programs can be found at <http://www.plts.edu/academics/degrees.html>

- Master of Arts (M.A.) - Stop! Please use application form found at www.gtu.edu.
- Master of Christian Ministry (M.C.M.)
- Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Ordination Track
- Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Non-ordination Track
- Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.)
- Concurrent M.A./M.Div. - Concurrent application to the Graduate Theological Union is necessary. Please see www.gtu.edu.
- Certificate of Theological Studies (C.T.S.)
- Certificate of Advanced Theological Studies (C.A.T.S.)
 - Lutheran Year
 - Sabbatical Program
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) - Stop! Please use application form found at www.gtu.edu.
- Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) - Stop! Please use application form found at www.gtu.edu.
- Affiliated student –
 - Which non-ELCA seminary will you attend? _____
 - When will you come to PLTS? _____
- UNCLASSIFIED STUDENTS – Please use alternate “non-degree” application, available at www.plts.edu.

Church Membership

When and where you were baptized? Date: _____

Church: _____ in _____.

Of what congregation are you currently a member? _____

Congregation’s phone number _____ Pastor’s name: _____

To what denomination does it belong? _____ If ELCA, which synod? _____

How long have you been a member of this congregation? _____

What positions have you held in the church? _____



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Application for Admission, Page 3: Vocation, Education, and Occupation

Vocational Goals

I am planning to be a candidate for rostered ministry in my denomination.

If ELCA, which roster?

- Ordained Ministry
- Associate in Ministry
- Diaconal Ministry
- Deaconess

I have begun the Candidacy Process with my denomination.

What is your candidacy status? _____

What is your candidacy synod? _____

I have been denied church endorsement in the past.

Educational Information

College/Graduate School	Years Attended	Major Discipline	Degree	GPA

Occupation History

What is your current occupation? _____

List your most recent employers, positions held, and dates. You may attach additional pages if needed.



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Application for Admission, Page 4: Community Service and Additional Info

Community Service History

List volunteer positions you have held.

Additional Information:

I am a citizen of _____ I need a Student Visa.

I have previously applied to PLTS.

I have been convicted of a felony.

I am applying to another seminary.

Which one(s)? _____

I plan to transfer from the following seminary: _____

I was dismissed from the following seminary: _____

I have been denied seminary admission in the past.

I speak these languages: _____

In submitting this application I have provided accurate and true information in the application form and all attached documents, and understand that my application is not complete until official transcripts, letters of reference, application fee and all additional materials listed on the inserted page are sent to PLTS. I understand that the PLTS Admissions Center, as a matter of course, shares information with the other schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Graduate Theological Union.

Signature

Date

Return this form, completed in full, and all accompanying documents to:

The Admissions Center – Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary + 2770 Marin Ave. Berkeley, CA 94708

PLTS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or disability.



Additional Items to be Sent to the Admissions Center

For All Applicants:

1. *Official transcripts* of all undergraduate and graduate study. Please have them sent to:
The Admissions Center, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary + 2770 Marin Ave, Berkeley, California 94708
2. *Three Letters of Reference*. Note that each one is different.
 - one pastor: from your congregation or college setting . . . whoever knows you best
 - one professor with whom you did work in your major discipline, and
 - one former or present employer.
 - If we should expect more than these three, just let us know.
 - These letters can also be emailed to admissions@plts.edu.
3. *TOEFL scores* from non-native speakers of English who have not completed a degree in an English speaking school.
4. *\$35.00 Application Fee*, payable to PLTS.
5. **PLEASE REFER TO THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

For CTS and CATS Applicants: All of the above and

5. *A Statement of Intent* of 2-3 pages describing your study plans.

For MA/MDiv, MCM, MDiv, MTS: All of the above and

5. *A Letter of positive entrance* from your candidacy committee (rostered ministry candidates only)
6. *A brief Autobiography*: Please outline for us in 3-5 double- spaced pages the events and factors that have formed your Christian faith and led you to consider church-related service including an account of the significant factors in your childhood and family life, a brief statement of your personal faith and theological convictions, and the principle reasons for desiring to prepare for professional ministry in the church. As you write, please use the language of PLTS's Dimensions of Ministry Excellence (found in the box below and at www.plts.edu/how_we_teach).

For Roster Candidates who intend to complete the ELCA year of residency at PLTS:

Skip #1, and #2. Please send #3, #4, and

5. *An official transcript* from your current school
6. *One letter of reference* from one professor at your seminary or divinity school
7. *Endorsement* from the candidacy committee
8. *The final report* prepared by your CPE supervisor
9. *A brief Autobiography*: Please outline for us in 3-5 double- spaced pages the events and factors that have formed your Christian faith and led you to consider church-related service including an account of the significant factors in your childhood and family life, a brief statement of your personal faith and theological convictions, and the principle reasons for desiring to prepare for professional ministry in the church. As you write, please use the language of PLTS's Dimensions of Ministry Excellence (found in the box above and at www.plts.edu/how_we_teach).

We want our Graduates to become:

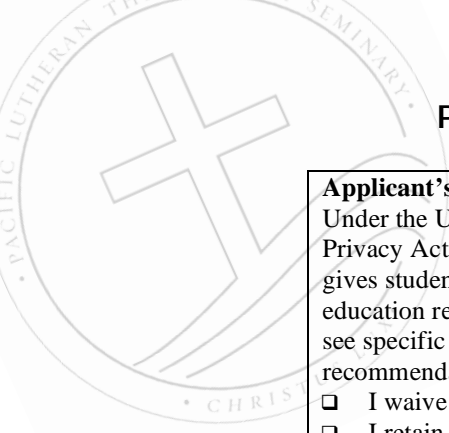
- Disciples of Jesus Christ
- Lovers of God and the People of God
- Readers of Cultural, Political, & Social Issues
- Tellers of the Christian Story
- Builders of Community
- Leaders of Congregational Community
- Missioners Reaching Out
- Learners for a Lifetime

For Transfer students from another ELCA seminary:

Skip #1, and #2. Please send #3, #4, and

5. *An official transcript* from your current seminary
6. *A letter of honorable dismissal* from the dean of your current school
7. *A letter of reference* from one professor
8. *A Statement of Entrance* from candidacy committee for Rostered Ministry students

All material becomes the property of PLTS and cannot be returned to you or forwarded to another institution.



PLTS LETTER of REFERENCE from a PASTOR

<p>Applicant's Name _____</p> <p>Under the United States Family Education Rights Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment), which gives students the right to inspect and review their education records, students may waive their right to see specific confidential statements and letters of recommendation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I waive my right to view this recommendation. <input type="checkbox"/> I retain my right to view this recommendation.</p> <p>_____ Applicant's Signature ✍</p> <p>_____ Date</p>	<p>Dear Pastor,</p> <p>The person named to the left is applying for admission to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and has designated you as a reference. Thank you for your appraisal of this person's potential for graduate theological study and church leadership. Please return this form in a timely manner to:</p> <p>PLTS Admissions Center; 2770 Marin Ave, Berkeley, CA, 94708 admissions@plts.edu</p>
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1. For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's personal faith and spirituality.

FROM

3. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's personality and moral character.

A

4. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's emotional stability.

PASTOR

5. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's intelligence and common sense.

6. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's leadership promise.

7. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's theological maturity.

FROM

8. How would you summarize this person's strengths?

A

9. How would you summarize this person's weaknesses?

PASTOR

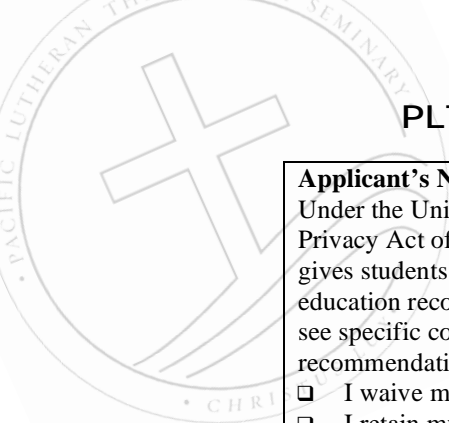
10. Do the weaknesses outweigh the strengths, constituting a barrier to the work this applicant proposes to do?

If you would like to make any other comments about this applicant, please use an additional page.

Thank you for your willingness to give the Admissions Committee at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary some insight into this applicant.

Your name _____ Email Address _____
Address _____ Phone number _____





PLTS LETTER of REFERENCE from a PROFESSOR

Applicant's Name _____

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- I waive my right to view this recommendation.
 I retain my right to view this recommendation.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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1. For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's capability to do graduate level work.

FROM

3. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's ability to make plans and follow through.

A

4. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's ambition and motivation.

PROFESSOR

5. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's intelligence and common sense.

6. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's leadership promise.

FROM

7. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's ability to interact with others in class.

8. How would you summarize this person's strengths? **A**

9. How would you summarize this person's weaknesses?

PROFESSOR

10. Do these weaknesses outweigh the strengths, constituting a barrier to the work this applicant proposes to do?

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Your name _____ Email Address _____
Address _____ Phone number _____



6. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's leadership promise.

7. Please provide a sense of your knowledge of the applicant's maturity level.

FROM

8. How would you summarize this person's strengths?

AN

9. How would you summarize this person's weaknesses?

EMPLOYER

10. Do these weaknesses outweigh the strengths, constituting a barrier to the work this applicant proposes to do?

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