Priority Deadlines:

Fall – February 15th
Spring – October 15th

Mail all materials to: PLTS Admissions Office
2770 Marin Avenue
Berkeley CA 94708
Or by email to: admissions@plts.edu

1. A completed application form.
2. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate study.
3. Identify three people who will provide a recommendation for you. Note that each reference letter is from a different person.
   - Pastor from your congregation or college setting, whoever knows you best.
   - Professor with whom you did work in your major discipline.
   - Current or former employer.
4. A brief autobiography. Please discuss in 3 to 5 double-spaced pages the events and factors that have formed your Christian faith. Include 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. In the body of your essay or in a separate paragraph articulate how you resonate with the PLTS orienting perspectives: Lutheran Identity, Multiculturalism, Public Sphere, and Religious Pluralism. More information about orienting perspectives can be found at: http://www.plts.edu/orienting_perspectives.html
5. $25.00 Application Fee payable to: California Lutheran University

Joint M.Div./M.A.
All of the requirements listed above for the M.Div. degree and apply separately to the Graduate Theological Union. Applicants must choose one of sixteen areas of studies. You will find more information at: http://gtu.edu/admissions/applications/MA

C.A.T.S. – “Lutheran Year”
For candidates who intend to complete the ELCA year of residency at PLTS:
1. A completed application form.
2. An official transcript from your current school.
3. One letter of reference from a professor at your seminary or divinity school.
4. A brief statement of your study plans and vocational goals while at PLTS.
5. $25.00 Application Fee payable to: California Lutheran University

M.Div., Transfer Students
1. A completed application form.
2. An official transcript from your current seminary.
3. A letter of reference from one professor at your current seminary.
4. A letter of honorable dismissal from the dean or registrar at your current seminary.
5. $25.00 Application Fee payable to: California Lutheran University

Auditor or Unclassified
Completed Auditor or Unclassified Application

International Students
In addition to the above requirements, TOEFL scores must be submitted by non-native speakers of English who have not completed an academic degree taught in English.