

MORAVIAN
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Application
for
Admission

DEGREE CANDIDATES:

Master of Divinity

Master of Arts in
Pastoral Counseling

Master of Arts in
Theological Studies

Dual Degree Programs:
MDiv-MSW
MAPC-MSW

Graduate Certificate in
Formative Spirituality

NONDEGREE STUDENTS

AUDITORS

Return completed application materials to:
Office of Vocation and Enrollment
Moravian Theological Seminary
1200 Main Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

For more information contact:
Office of Vocation and Enrollment
Email: seminary@moravian.edu
Phone: 610-861-1512
Toll Free: 800-843-6541
Fax: 610-861-1569

www.moravianseminary.edu



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Congratulations on your decision to further your theological education. We are pleased that you are considering Moravian Theological Seminary as part of your call — whether to ministry, pastoral counseling, lay leadership, teaching, or deeper understanding. We look forward to assisting you throughout the application process.

All new students are required to complete the application process. Please begin as soon as possible as it may take several weeks to secure and process all materials. Enrollment cannot be guaranteed if the Application for Admission is received less than 60 days before the beginning of a semester. If you have any questions about the application process please contact the Office of Vocation and Enrollment at 610-861-1512, or email: seminary@moravian.edu.

Students wishing to enroll in graduate studies at MTS must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. A student's classification will determine which documents are required for admission.

Degree Students are accepted as candidates for the degree of Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling, Master of Arts in Theological Studies, or a Graduate Certificate program.

To apply, the following are required:

1. Apply online at www.moravianseminary.edu/adm or use this Application for Admission.
2. Mail \$35 Application Fee. (checks payable to "Moravian Theological Seminary")
3. Official academic transcripts from all schools attended beyond high school.
4. Autobiographical essay articulating your faith journey and goals. (See Section B of the Application Form.)
5. Letters of reference from 3 individuals. MDiv candidates require an additional letter of standing from a denominational official. (See Section B of the Application Form.)

After ALL of the requested materials are received by the Office of Vocation and Enrollment, the Admissions and Standing Committee will review your application information and notify you in writing of their decision within 2-3 weeks. An admissions interview may be required. An acceptance letter will direct you to send a \$50 deposit to the Office of Vocation and Enrollment which will be credited to your student account.

Nondegree Students receive academic credit for the successful completion of course work, but are not enrolled in a degree program. Nondegree Students are admitted into each course by approval of the instructor.

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4. Completed course registration form, returned to the Office of Vocation and Enrollment.

After ALL of the requested materials are received by the Office of Vocation and Enrollment, and reviewed, you will be notified in writing of your admission status within 2-3 weeks. An admissions interview may be required.

Auditors register for courses but are not required to complete course work, and thus do not receive academic credit. Auditors may receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for classroom hours. Auditors are admitted into each course by approval of the instructor.

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After ALL of the requested materials are received by the Office of Vocation and Enrollment, and reviewed, the Director will contact the course instructor for approval. The applicant will be notified if they are not approved to enroll in the course.

ADMISSIONS INTERVIEW

All applicants are encouraged to have an admissions interview in person, or by phone (if you are at a distance). To set up an appointment, phone: 610-861-1512 or 610-861-1520; or email at seminary@moravian.edu.

CAMPUS VISIT

To get a flavor of academic and community life at Moravian Seminary, applicants are encouraged to visit the campus. During the visit you could sit in on a class, attend a chapel service, tour the facilities, meet faculty members and students, and speak to a financial aid administrator. To set up a campus visit, contact the Office of Vocation and Enrollment at 610-861-1512 or 610-861-1520, or email: seminary@moravian.edu.

FINANCIAL AID

Qualified students can apply for financial assistance in the form of MTS scholarships and government loans. Students seeking financial aid should apply as early as possible — the process takes at least 4-8 weeks from initial paperwork to final confirmation.

- All registered students are eligible to apply for MTS Scholarships, which are awarded annually, based on demonstrated need and availability of funds.
- Federal Stafford Loans are available to qualified students who are taking at least 6 credit hours/semester, and enrolled in a degree program (MDiv, MAPC, MATS).

To request a Financial Aid Application, check the appropriate box in Section A of the Application for Admission, and/or contact the Director of Vocation and Enrollment at 610-861-1512, or email: seminary@moravian.edu.

HOUSING

Limited housing is available for full-time students on a first-request basis, after acceptance into a degree program or as an approved candidate. Students wishing to live in Seminary housing must complete the Housing Application form and are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. To request this form, check the appropriate box in Section A of the Application for Admission and/or contact the Director of Vocation and Enrollment at 610-861-1512, or email: seminary@moravian.edu.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

It is recommended that international students begin the admissions process 9–12 months before the beginning of classes. International students will be sent an International Student Financial Support Form upon receipt of the completed Application for Admission. The US government requires proof of complete financial support for at least the first full year before visa documents can be issued. To be considered for admission for Fall semester, all application materials (including TOEFL and TWE scores, if required) must be received by the Director of Vocation and Enrollment by **April 1st**. For more information, contact the Director of Vocation and Enrollment at 610-861-1512 or 610-861-1520, or email: seminary@moravian.edu.

TOEFL/TWE

Students who do not consider English their primary language, are required to send recent scores of the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and TWE (Test of Written English) to the Office of Vocation and Enrollment. These tests are offered frequently throughout the world. A minimum score of 550 is required for the paper-based test and 213 for the computer-based test. Arrangements for sending test scores to MTS are made by using the code number of the institution (2418) at the time of registration.

For information and testing dates go to the TOEFL website: www.TOEFL.org, or write to:

TOEFL Services
PO Box 6152
Princeton, NJ 08541-6152 USA

For more information contact:

Office of Vocation and Enrollment
Interim Director: Ann Gibson

Email: seminary@moravian.edu
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ALL NEW APPLICANTS (Degree, Nondegree, Graduate Certificate, Auditor) may apply with this paper Application or online at www.moravianseminary.edu/adm

- For paper Application:**
- Complete appropriate sections
 - Submit completed application at least 60 days before the start of classes
 - Include application fee of US\$35

SECTION A ALL APPLICANTS

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____ Previous _____
 Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 County _____ Country _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Email _____ Fax _____
 Birthdate _____ Gender M F
 Denomination _____ Congregation _____
 Status with denomination: candidate for ordination lay person pastor/licensed minister other _____

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| PROGRAM | <input type="checkbox"/> MDiv | <input type="checkbox"/> MAPC | <input type="checkbox"/> MATS | <input type="checkbox"/> Nondegree | <input type="checkbox"/> Auditor |
| OF STUDY | <input type="checkbox"/> MDiv-MSW | <input type="checkbox"/> MAPC-MSW | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Certificate _____ | | |
| Starting in: | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall | <input type="checkbox"/> January | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer | of _____ (year) |
| Status: | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time (12+ credits) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time: number of credits you plan to take per semester _____ | | |

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND - list schools attended beyond high school, even if you did not graduate:

| Institution | Location | Dates Attended | Degree Conferred | Major |
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TRANSCRIPTS: Official academic transcripts are required from all institutions listed above. (International transcripts must include an English translation.)

- If you have a disability and if you have a question as to possible accommodations, you may feel free to discuss this at the time of your visitation. If you are accepted to MTS, and have a disability, please be sure to discuss any needs that require accommodation as soon as possible after you have received your formal acceptance.

HOUSING I request a Housing Application form.

FINANCIAL AID I request a Financial Aid packet.

OPTIONAL (The following items are optional. No information you provide will be used in a discriminatory manner)

Are you Hispanic or Latino* Yes No *Defined to mean a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race)

Are you from any of the following racial groups? (Check one or more.)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

Are you a Non-Resident Alien? Yes No

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| I became acquainted with Moravian through: | <input type="checkbox"/> an alumnus | <input type="checkbox"/> a student | <input type="checkbox"/> a pastor | <input type="checkbox"/> a church leader | <input type="checkbox"/> a friend |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> our Continuing Ed program | <input type="checkbox"/> our website | <input type="checkbox"/> our publications | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ | |

SECTION B DEGREE & GRADUATE CERTIFICATE APPLICANTS ONLY

ESSAY: Submit an original autobiographical essay of at least 500 typewritten words, demonstrating your aptitude for theological understanding, self-awareness, ability to communicate and to articulate matters of faith. Please address the following questions:

What significant persons, convictions and events have influenced your life?

What is your understanding of faith and your faith experience?

Why are you pursuing theological education at this time and why have you chosen Moravian Theological Seminary?

What are your goals after completion of your proposed course of study?

REFERENCES: Request individuals in the following positions to write letters of reference. (Forms provided) List references below. Any reference source may be contacted by the Seminary for verification of authenticity.

| Name | Address | Phone | |
|-------|---------|-------|--------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | Pastor |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | Professor/Employer |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | Layperson |

In addition to these references, MDiv candidates must submit a statement from a denomination/judicatory official that describes the candidate's status in the ordination candidacy process. MDiv candidates who have no formal relationship with a denomination should submit a statement outlining their intentions in this matter. (List denomination official below.)

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| _____ | Denomination Official <i>(required of MDiv candidates)</i> |
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VOCATIONAL BACKGROUND: List employment beginning with most recent.

| Employer | Location | Title/Duties | Dates |
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VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

| Agency | Location | Title/Duties | Dates |
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SECTION C INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS ONLY

Country of birth _____

Country of citizenship _____

Primary language _____

English is NOT my primary language (TOEFL/TWE is required).
(check all that apply)

I have taken TOEFL /TWE Date _____ Scores _____

My official scores are being sent.

I am registered to take TOEFL/TWE Date _____

Print your address below as it should appear on an envelope:

SECTION D ALL APPLICANTS

- Please include any additional information you wish to share with the Seminary on a separate sheet and attach it to this application.

I certify the information I have provided on this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree that upon receipt by the Office of Vocation and Enrollment, all of my application materials become the property of MTS. I understand that MTS reserves the right to refuse admission and matriculation to any applicant who falsifies information on this application or who in the school's judgement is not qualified.

Signature _____ **Date** _____