

ADMISSION PROCESS

Application for Admission

Bethel Seminary invites applications from persons who are deeply committed to Christ and His kingdom, and whose gifts and call to ministry have been affirmed by a local body of Christian believers. Students applying to all master's programs must hold a bachelor's degree and demonstrate that they are capable of graduate-level work. Since the Admissions Committee is interested in all information that will assist in the evaluation of an applicant's ability, achievement, commitment to Christ, and promise, the seminary requires that each applicant supply the following materials:

1. A formal application for admission, which should be on file by the stated application deadline for the desired enrollment term.
2. Official transcripts of college work:
 - a. For Master's degrees - submit an official transcript (U.S. schools) or NACES or AICE evaluation (international schools) showing an earned baccalaureate or higher degree and official transcripts or NACES or AICE evaluations from all graduate schools attended.
 - b. For Doctoral degrees - submit an official transcript (U.S. schools) or NACES or AICE evaluation (international schools) showing an earned master's degree and official transcripts or NACES or AICE evaluations from all graduate coursework.
3. An official transcript from any other seminary attended.
4. All required recommendations as delineated on the application for an applicant's particular degree program.
5. A record of satisfactory Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores for students from colleges not regionally accredited.
6. A group interview or additional materials may be required upon the request of the Admissions Committee.

Applicants will be notified in writing of acceptance to the seminary.

Prospective students who are near either of Bethel's St. Paul, MN or San Diego, CA locations are encouraged to visit. To set up an appointment in:

- **St. Paul**, call 651.638.6288. Outside Minneapolis or St. Paul call 800.255.8706, ext. 6288, or contact us by email at seminary-admissions@bethel.edu.

- **San Diego**, call 619.325.5200. Outside the San Diego area call 800.255.8706, ext. 6288, or contact us by email at seminary-admissions@bethel.edu.

Former students not enrolled within the last year (four consecutive terms including interim and summer terms) must contact the Admissions Office to request readmission to the seminary. Students who have not been enrolled within the last three years must reapply and abide by the catalog requirements at the time of their readmission, unless written permission was obtained from the Office of the Registrar prior to the extended leave (for example, in cases of military deployment). If prior permission was obtained, the student may follow the catalog requirements under which they last enrolled and must contact the Admissions Office to request readmission to the seminary.

Applying Online

Prospective students may apply online (<https://www.bethel.edu/seminary/admissions/apply>).

International Students

An international applicant is any candidate who is neither a U.S. citizen nor a U.S. permanent resident alien. International applicants, in addition to the general requirements for admission, must:

- Submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination score report (required of all international student applicants and all student applicants whose primary language is not English).
 - TOEFL requires a minimum score of 550 is required on the paper-based test, or 80 on the Internet-based test.
 - IELTS requires a minimum score of 6.5.
- Submit a completed *Certificate of Finances* form along with a copy of current bank statement(s) that show evidence of adequate funds to cover a minimum of one year's full tuition and living expenses.
- If an applicant is receiving funds from a sponsor(s), submit:
 - Notarized Affidavits of Support (I-134).
 - Letters of support from sponsors.
- Submit a copy of I-94 (applicants living in the U.S.).
- Submit a copy of passport (applicants living in the U.S.).
- Submit a copy of current visa (applicants living in the U.S.).
- Submit documentation of health insurance.

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- Complete a required English language evaluation as part of the admissions process if the applicant's primary language is not English.

For complete details for International students, please refer to the International Students (<http://catalog.bethel.edu/bethel-seminary/academic-information/international-students>) page under Academic Information.

Special Students

A limited number of qualified students may enroll in classes as special or non-degree students after completing an application form for that purpose and providing a transcript of college work. Such students normally would enroll for no more than two courses per term. No more than 25% of the courses required for a degree may be taken while enrolled under special student status.