

Admissions

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Admission to the ACTS Doctor of Ministry in Preaching Program is a two-step process.

The first step occurs at the specific seminary level. By January of each year, candidates choose to apply to one of the six participating seminaries: Chicago Theological Seminary, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, McCormick Theological Seminary, North Park Theological Seminary or Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Prospective candidates from traditions other than these seminaries may apply to any of the schools.

The second step is admission at the programmatic level. In February of each year, our six partner school representatives review all admitted participant files and together decide on a class of 32 total participants maximum.

Admission Requirements:

- A Master of Divinity or its educational equivalent with a 3.0 (B) grade point average
- A minimum of three years pastoral experience post Master of Divinity graduation
- A context for sustained preaching to a community

Applicants should submit completed forms and a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 to the school through which they wish to enroll. The application deadline is the 31st of January for each subsequent summer term.

Admission process:

- Applications are first approved by the admissions committee of the seminary to which the candidate applies.
- Approved applications are then forwarded to the Program Committee of the ACTS Doctor of Ministry in Preaching Program, which selects a class of 32 plus a waiting list from among the pool of admissible candidates. Ordinarily, four to five candidates are accepted for enrollment through each of the six schools.

The Program Committee seeks to cultivate and maintain a diverse student body and endeavors to honor the following criteria in the admissions process:

- * An equal number of men and women will be included in each class.
- * Each class will represent a diversity of social, cultural and geographic locations.
- * When possible, the traditions of the degree-granting schools will be equitably represented in the composition of the class of 32.
- * Those accepted into the program express strong motivation for change and growth in their preaching ministry.
- * The program will be open to non-Christian clerics who preach regularly.

Since the program asks participants to work closely with a number of ministry groups on sermon formation and feedback experiences, participants need the informed support and cooperation of members to successfully complete the program requirements. In their review of applications, the program committee assesses the level of support from one's ministry setting.

Applicants are notified in late February of the action taken on their application. Admitted participants who plan to participate in the program ought to submit a \$250 non-refundable enrollment deposit within three weeks of being informed of their admission into the Program. This deposit will signal their intention to enroll and will be credited toward the tuition due for the year.

Download the Application

Please click [here](#) to download the application.