MASTER’S PROGRAM APPLICATION
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Instructions for All Applicants

Complete the application in full (unless otherwise instructed by the Admissions office). The full application must include:

- Charlotte Application form
- Three written recommendations: Pastor/Church Official; former Professor/current Colleague; Friend/Mentor
- Two essays: a spiritual autobiography and a personal statement
- Official transcripts sent directly from all colleges and other institutions of higher education attended
- Application filing fee of $50 (U.S.)

Applications are accepted no earlier than one year before the expected date of matriculation. Application deadlines are:

- Fall Semester: July 15
- Spring Semester: November 15
- Summer: April 15

Interviews and campus visits are encouraged but not required.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- If English is not your first language, you will need to submit a valid TOEFL score. For admission, a score of 90 (IBT) is required.
- Foreign students requiring an F-1 visa to study in the United States must request an I-20 Application packet from the International Student Advisor.
- F-1 students transferring from another school must have that school submit a Transfer Form.

AUDITORS

- Complete sections 1-7 in full.
- Transcripts are not required.
- From section 9, one pastoral recommendation is required.
- Answer question #7 in section 10, and the personal autobiography in section 11.

PARTNERS

- INTERVARSITY, SALVATION ARMY, YOUNG LIFE, CRU, SIM
  - Complete sections 1-7 + official transcripts from all institutions of higher education.
  - In lieu of section 9, a letter from your current ministry confirming your eligibility as a staff member.
  - Answer question #1 in Section 10, and the personal autobiography in section 11.

SPECIAL (NON-DEGREE) STUDENTS

- Non-degree seeking students may take up to ten courses before declaring a degree program, and must complete the full application for admission.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

- Full application + a statement of explanation and purpose for the proposed transfer.
- A letter from your current school, indicating that you are a student in good standing.

VISITING STUDENTS

- Complete sections 1-8.
- A letter from your academic dean or registrar, indicating that you are currently a student in good standing at your seminary, and that coursework from GCTS will be applied to your studies there.
Section 1 | Personal Information

Name (Last, First, Middle): ____________________________
Date of Birth: ________________  Social Security Number: ________________
Name on Transcripts: ____________________________
Current Address: ____________________________
Email Address: ____________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________  Sex: (circle one) Female  Male

Section 1A | International Applicants

Citizenship: ____________________________  Place of Birth: ____________________________
Residency/Visa Status: ____________________________  Alien Registration Number: ____________________________
Permanent Address: ____________________________

Section 2 | Degree Program

Master of Divinity
☐ Master of Divinity
☐ MDiv-Anglican Studies
☐ MDiv-Lutheran Studies
☐ MDiv-Pastoral Care & Counseling

Master of Arts
☐ (Biblical Studies)
☐ (Christian Thought)
☐ (New Testament)
☐ (Old Testament)
☐ (Religion)

Master of Arts
☐ Christian Leadership
☐ Christian Leadership-UM
☐ Christian Ministries

Master of Arts
☐ Christian Counseling-LPC
☐ Christian Counseling-MFT

Certificate
☐ Christian Studies
☐ Ministry Among Emerging Gens.
☐ Pastoral Care
☐ Urban Ministry

Other
☐ Special (Non-Degree)
☐ Visiting Student
☐ Official Auditor

Section 3 | Anticipated Start Semester

☐ Fall (September)  2016
☐ Spring (January)  2017
☐ Summer (May)  2018
☐ 2019
☐ 2020
☐ 2021

Section 4 | Partner Organizations

☐ CRU
☐ InterVarsity
☐ Young Life
☐ Salvation Army
☐ SIM
Section 5 | Educational Information

List every post-high school institution where at least one course was taken for credit. Applicants must request official transcripts from each institution to be sent to Gordon-Conwell—Charlotte, Attn: Admissions.

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Have you previously applied to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary?

☐ Yes  When? ______________

☐ No

Have you been dismissed or denied admission by another seminary?

☐ Yes  (Please include explanation on a separate sheet.)

☐ No

Are you transferring from another seminary or graduate institution?

☐ Yes  (Please include statement of explanation + letter of good standing.)

☐ No

Section 6 | Church Information

Present Church: _________________________________

Name of Pastor: _____________________________

Phone Number: ________________________________

Denominational Affiliation: ____________________________

Address: ________________________________

Are you a member?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Are you licensed or ordained?

☐ Yes  ☐ Please provide details: ________________________________

☐ No

Section 7 | Employment History

Please attach a resume if available.

Present Occupation: ________________________________

Organization & Dates: ________________________________

Section 8 | Financial Aid

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary encourages all students to consider the Partnership Program, which enables students to finish seminary with as little educational debt as possible. Please visit our website for further information.

Do you plan to apply for federal student loans?

☐ Yes  (Please consult our website for further financial aid information.)

☐ No
### Section 9 | Recommendations

List the names and contact information for three references, individuals who have known you for at least one year, and are not spouses or relatives. Completed references must be sent to Gordon-Conwell—Charlotte, Attn: Admissions.

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### Section 10 | Personal Statement

Please limit your response to two typed, single-spaced pages. Include your name and essay title in the header of each page.

**Vocational Goal**

1. What form of Christian ministry do you anticipate entering after your seminary studies?
   - How do you expect this degree program to prepare you for this vocation?
   - Comment on your view of the importance and responsibility of the local church, and your understanding of the task of Christian ministry.

2. Describe your previous ministry experience.

3. Comment on the encouragement you have received from family members and significant friends concerning your coming to seminary, and whether others perceive you as having leadership qualities for Christian ministry.

4. Describe yourself with regard to areas of strength and weakness, particularly as they may affect your readiness to begin seminary studies.

5. Do you wish to comment on any relevant medical or psychological history that may help us accommodate your needs?
   - Auditors only: please indicate which courses you desire to audit, why, and how you will benefit from them.

### Section 11 | Spiritual Autobiography

Please limit your response to two typed, single-spaced pages. Include your name and essay title in the header of each page.

Share your conversion and commitment to Christ, the significant factors which have aided your growth as a Christian, and the important events and people shaping your identity as a person.

### Section 12 | Signature

I hereby declare that all information presented in this application is accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge. If accepted, I agree to abide by the Community Life Statement as stated in the seminary catalog.

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