



I. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

This form is one part of a complete application file. Before completing this application, please refer to *Terms and Procedures for Admission* in the Academic Catalogue for additional requirements.

International applicants should also review carefully the section *Additional Information for International Students*.

I am applying for the following degree program (check one):

- ☐ Master of Arts (Theological Studies), or MATS
- ☐ Master of Arts in Ministry Practice (MAMP)
- ☐ Master of Divinity (MDiv)
- ☐ Dual-Degree program: MDiv/MSSW (Master of Science in Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin)
Note: This program requires separate application to The University of Texas at Austin MSSW program.

Term and year for which I seek admission: ☐ Fall (recommended) ☐ Spring / Year _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Preferred Name _____ Social Security # _____

Sex: ☐ Female ☐ Male Gender Identity (optional): ☐ Woman ☐ Man ☐ Self Identify: _____

Present Address and Contact Information

Street _____ City _____

State _____ ZIP _____ Date address expires _____

E-mail _____

Phone: Cell (_____) _____ Other (_____) _____ (Type _____)

Permanent Address (if different from above). If this address will expire, indicate when _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State _____ ZIP _____ Home Phone (_____) _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Place of Birth _____
Month Day Year

Citizenship: ☐ U.S. ☐ Other country (indicate) _____

● If you are not a U.S. citizen, indicate Residency Status or Visa Type _____

Primary Language _____

TOEFL Score: Applicants whose primary language is not English are required to submit an official score for the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). The Austin Seminary institution code is 6018. For the iBT (Internet-based TOEFL) a minimum score of 79 is required.

Indicate TOEFL Score _____ Date TOEFL taken _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

FAMILY

Applicant's Marital Status _____ Spouse's Full Name _____

Spouse's Vocation/Occupation/Employer _____

Children's Names *

Sex

Date of Birth

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		_____ / _____ / _____ <small>Month Day Year</small>

* Place an asterisk by the name of each child who will live with you while you attend seminary.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- You are **required** to provide Austin Seminary with an **official** transcript of record from **every** college, university, seminary, and graduate school you have attended.
- In the table below, list every educational institution attended, attaching an addendum if necessary. If you believe your academic record is not an accurate indication of your intellectual ability, address this in your autobiographical essay.
- Contact each institution you attended and request that an official transcript be provided to the Office of Admissions at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Name of College, University, Graduate or Professional School, Seminary, etc.	Location	Attendance From To	Degree Type	Year Rec'd

- Do you intend to request transfer of credit into a degree program at Austin Seminary? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, indicate below the number of credits and the institution(s) at which they were earned:

Only accredited graduate-level course work completed within 7 years of the date of matriculation at Austin Seminary can be considered. Transfer credit is granted by the Academic Dean upon matriculation at Austin Seminary. The credit remains valid if a degree is earned from Austin Seminary within 10 years of the date the transfer course work was undertaken.

- Have you previously taken courses at Austin Seminary? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what year(s) _____
Only credit earned within 7 years of the date of matriculation at Austin Seminary can be considered. The credit remains valid if a degree is earned from Austin Seminary within 10 years of the date the work was undertaken.

CHURCH BACKGROUND

Name and Location of the church you currently attend:

Church Name _____ City _____ ST _____

Pastor _____ E-mail _____

☐ I do not currently attend a church.

Are you a member of this church? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, indicate church of which you are a member:

Church Name _____ City _____ ST _____

Pastor _____ E-mail _____

☐ I am not currently a member of a church.

Official name of denomination: _____

Are you ordained as a deacon? ☐ Yes ☐ No As an elder? ☐ Yes ☐ No As a pastor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently serving as a pastor? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, in what capacity? _____

Do your vocational plans include ordination? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of ecclesiastical body (i.e., presbytery, conference, board): _____

Are you under care of, supervised, or overseen by this body? ☐ Yes ☐ No

In the table below, list your activity in local congregations, ministry contexts, fellowships, non-profit organizations, etc.

Name of Congregation, Context, Fellowship, etc. (list most recent first)	Location	Years Involved	
		From	To

OTHER INFORMATION

Do you have any physical or mental condition that may affect your studies or that Austin Seminary should be aware of in order that we may support your study efforts? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, address the circumstances in your autobiographical essay.)

Note: Austin Seminary does not discriminate against students with conditions that may require disability accommodation. Refer to the Academic Catalogue, Policies and Information, Disability Accommodation Policy, for more information.

Will you apply for financial aid? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you interested in on-campus employment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you anticipate receiving funding from outside the Seminary to finance your studies? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, indicate sources (i.e., family, church, employer, friends, foundations, etc.) _____

Are you eligible to receive Veterans' educational benefits while in seminary? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Your past educational indebtedness balance (i.e., student loans) when you enter seminary will be \$ _____

Please provide information on your current (or most recent) employment/vocational position.

● Employer Name _____ Supervisor _____
Street Address _____ Phone (_____) _____
City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ E-mail _____
Position title _____ Description of work _____
Dates Employed: From _____ / _____ To _____ / _____
Month Year Month Year

Are you interested in Seminary housing? ☐ Yes ☐ No

DURATION OF PROGRAM

- The Master of Arts (Theological Studies) and the Master of Arts in Ministry Practice degree programs are designed as two-year programs (24 months) of full-time study.
- The Master of Divinity degree program is designed as a three-year program (36 months) of full-time study.
- The MDiv/MSSW dual degree program is designed as a four-year program (48 months) of full-time study.

Do you plan to complete your program of study in the length of time noted above? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, please explain:

A degree program at Austin Seminary must be completed within 6 years of matriculation as a degree student.

Note: Austin Seminary's housing policy allows for no more than 24 months of priority on-campus residency for MATS and MAMP students, no more than 36 months of priority on-campus residency for MDiv students and no more than 48 months of priority on-campus residency for MDiv/MSSW students.

IMPORTANT

Under the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you have the right, if you matriculate at Austin Seminary, to review your education records. Letters of reference for admission do not become part of your education record. They are used prior to matriculation in the admissions process and the awarding of merit scholarships. You can reserve or waive your right to review these references during this time by checking the appropriate statement below and signing your application. Applicants who do not complete this section automatically waive this right.

- ☐ I *wave* the right to review any reference forms submitted on behalf of my application.
- ☐ I *reserve* the right to review any reference forms submitted on behalf of my application.

I declare that the information provided in all parts of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: Make certain you save a copy:

To print a copy for your files, click here:

Submit your application in one of two ways:

● **First Class Mail:**

Office of Admissions
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
100 East 27th Street
Austin, TX 78705-5711

● **Electronically:** *Save the completed file* and click here to be directed to the upload page:

Payment of the \$50 Application Fee can also be made on the upload page.



II. REFERENCES

Full Name of Applicant

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Instructions:

In this section, provide the Admissions Commission the names of references who can speak candidly and knowledgeably about you in the areas listed below.

- Your commitment to Christ and the church
- Your leadership ability, maturity, and interpersonal skills
- Your intellectual ability and willingness to think critically
- Your openness to perspectives other than your own

Realizing that no one person is capable of remarking on all these areas, select four references, including your pastor, whose combined knowledge of you covers as many of these areas as possible. Provide the requested contact information for each reference. The Admissions Office will send a reference form directly to each individual you indicate.

If possible, one reference should be a professor who has taught you. Please contact the persons before submitting their names to us, ascertaining their willingness to serve as your reference and confirming their contact information.

- For the first reference, specify the *pastor of the congregation* in which you have membership.

Name _____ Position _____
City _____ ST _____
Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

- For the second reference, MAMP and MDiv applicants select *a minister* other than your pastor. If another minister is not available, select someone who knows you in a church/ministry context. MATS applicants may choose *a professor or school official*.

Name _____ Position _____
City _____ ST _____
Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

- For the third reference, select *someone who knows you in business, professional, or personal life*.

Name _____ Position _____
City _____ ST _____
Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

- For the fourth reference, select *a professor or school official*. If it is not possible for you to secure an academic reference, choose a person in business or professional life.

Name _____ Position _____
City _____ ST _____
Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

III. ESSAYS

Submit three essays, as described below.

1. In an autobiographical essay (3-5 pages, double-spaced), reflect on your spiritual journey and/or call to ministry. Address your personal, educational, and religious background, your work history, your gifts and abilities for ministry and service, and your current vocational goals.
2. In an analytical essay (4-5 pages, double-spaced), craft a cogent argument on a specific topic of theological interest or concern. This essay should demonstrate your capacity to think critically, write coherently, reflect theologically, and engage scholarly sources.
3. Complete a third essay, specific to the program to which you are applying, according to the directions below.
 - **MATS Applicants**
The MATS degree is designed to enable students to integrate theology with their life and work through foundational studies in the Biblical, Church's Ministry, and Theological-Historical departments, and advanced concentration in theology, ethics, history of religions, or biblical studies. In a brief essay (1-2 pages, double-spaced), identify your area of academic interest and how you hope to integrate that study with your life and work.
 - **MAMP Applicants**
The Master of Arts in Ministry Practice degree equips individuals for general pastoral leadership. It offers opportunities to focus on specific areas in the practice of ministry. In a brief essay (1-2 pages, double-spaced) speak to your ministry goals and how you hope to be engaged in pastoral leadership.
 - **MDiv Applicants**
The MDiv degree is designed to nurture leaders who will give strong, loving, and imaginative leadership to worshiping, learning, and serving communities. In a brief essay (1-2 pages, double-spaced), reflect on your hopes and concerns for the church and your call to ministry.
 - **MDiv/MSSW Applicants**
The dual degree (MDiv/MSSW) is designed for students who have a particular interest in non-traditional ministries, including agency-based social service, social justice advocacy, policy-oriented ministries, and clinical counseling, as well as more traditional ministry roles such as pastor or chaplain. In a brief essay (1-2 pages, double-spaced), reflect on your particular ministry interest and how the dual degree will prepare you to serve in that capacity.

IV. BACKGROUND CHECK

All applicants are required to complete a background (criminal history) check, including driving records, through CastleBranch.com, granting Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary permission to access those records. Use package code AU33. The cost for this service is the responsibility of the applicant. Note that charges and past offenses do not automatically disqualify an applicant from matriculation, however, failure to disclose offenses may result in denial of admission. All records will be evaluated in context. Contact the Office of Admissions for more information.

V. APPLICATION FEE and ADMISSIONS CONFERENCE

APPLICATION FEE

Submit all materials, along with a \$50 non-refundable application fee, to the Office of Admissions. Both can be done electronically through our website, or sent by mail to: Office of Admissions, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 100 E 27th St. Austin, TX 78705. The upload link is also provided on page 4 of this application, below the signature section.

ADMISSIONS CONFERENCE

Once all portions of this application have been received, an admissions conference will be scheduled with a member of the Admissions Commission or staff.