

ALLIANCE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO
DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: ID#: _____ Rep Code: _____ Application Fee: _____

1. Application Information

APPLICATION FOR:

Cohort in Christian Leadership in the Global Context

ENROLLMENT DATE:

Spring, 20 _____

Summer, 20 _____

CAMPUS

Nyack, NY

CLASSIFICATION:

New Student

Readmission (After 3 years)

Date of Last Attendance: _____

Transfer from: _____

2. Personal Information

Title: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr. Rev.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____ Preferred: _____

Gender: Female Male Maiden Name/Previous Name: _____

SS#: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Place _____

US Citizenship: Yes No Country of Citizenship: _____

Visa Status: _____ (If you are presently in the US, please send a copy of your visa with your application.)

Is English your primary language? Yes No Primary Language: _____

Race/Ethnicity (requested for federal reporting, but optional):

Hispanic/Latino Yes No

Choose one or more of the following:

Black or African American

Asian

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

American Indian or Alaska Native

White

Multi-Racial

Marital Status: Single Married Separated (explain on separate sheet) Divorced Widowed

Spouse's Name: _____ Number of Children: _____ B _____ G

In what ministry context are you currently serving (type of service, location, etc.)? _____

How long have you been in your current ministry position? _____

Your current ministry position is: Full-time Part-time

Have you ever been refused admission to or been dismissed from an academic institution?

Yes (explain on separate sheet) No

What other Doctoral programs, if any, are you considering? _____

3. Address Information

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS:

Street: _____ Apt _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone Numbers: _____ H W C _____ H W C

E-Mail Address: _____

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE):

Street: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone Numbers: _____ H W C _____ H W C

4. Educational Background

List ALL academic institutions you have attended since high school. You are responsible for having official transcripts sent directly from each institution to the Office of Admissions. Please Note: A preliminary admission decision may be made on the basis of the work you have completed. However, you must have a final transcript showing the conferral of your degree sent to ATS before your initial enrollment.

School: _____ City/State: _____
Degree Received: _____ Academic Program: _____
Dates Attended: _____ to _____ Date Graduated: _____

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5. Church Information

Name of Church you currently attend: _____ Denomination: _____
Address of Church: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number of Church: _____ How long have you attended this church? _____
Name of Pastor: _____
Contact Person for Church: _____
Are you a member? Yes No Are you on staff? Yes No If yes, in what capacity? _____
Have you confessed Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? Yes No If yes, when?: _____

6. References

Please fill out the top section of each reference form and present to an individual who has known you for over one year and is not a relative, along with a postage paid envelope for the campus you are applying to.

Church or Organization Reference: _____
Work Phone: (_____) _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Address: _____

Academic Reference: _____
Work Phone: (_____) _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Address: _____

7. Applicant's Signature Required

I affirm that the information set forth in my application and any materials I provide pertaining to my admission and/or financial aid are true and complete. I agree that if, in the judgement of Nyack, any misrepresentation or omission has been made in this application or related materials, such misrepresentation/omission of information shall be sufficient cause for rejection prior to admission and dismissal if I am admitted as a student.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

8. Christian Experience Statement

One requirement for admission to the D. Min. program here at ATS is three years of full-time ministry experience after the completion of your first graduate degree in theology or religious studies. Please submit a typed Christian Experience Statement or 2-3 pages using the following questions as a guideline. The purpose of such a statement is to document your ministry experience with as much clarity as possible. Please include your name, address, phone number and the program for which you are applying at the top of the essay.

o Christian Experience Statement should include:

- Ministry Resume that includes: positions held, title, job description, years at current position, responsibilities in that position, time/hours required to complete responsibilities (i.e. 50 hours per week, 1 day per week, etc.)
- Significant events and influences that have helped develop your walk of faith.
- How do you see the D. Min. program at ATS fitting into God's call on your life?
- What do you visualize your ministry/profession looking like five years after finishing your D. Min. program?
- Any additional information that would be pertinent for us to know.

9. Essay Question

As you begin this DMin degree program, it is imperative that you, as the student, have in mind a focus or direction for an area of practical and theological research. According to the Association of Theological Schools, the D.Min. program shall include the design and completion of a written doctoral level project which may also utilize other media and which addresses both the nature and the practice of ministry. Such a project shall reflect the ability to identify a specific concern in ministry, organize an effective research model, utilize appropriate resources, and evaluate the results, as well as the ability to reflect depth of theological insight in its relation to ministry. The project shall make a contribution to the practice of ministry as judged by professional standards and in relation to the purpose of the program. It shall have potential for application in other contexts of ministry.

Considering this, please construct a proposal for such a project. Using the Turabian Author-Date option (also referred to as parenthetical references and reference list or social sciences format) or APA style guides, (7th edition of Kate Turabian's A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations), write a formal paper exploring a possible doctoral ministry-focused final project.

Please consider the following guidelines:

- Select an issue or problem in ministry to be the focus of your project. A good problem is one that is researchable and significant. Consider your context and select something that is proportional to available resources.
- State the ministry need, problem or challenge. Include target audience and location, specific ministry need why the topic is important, reason(s) for your interest in the topic, and a clear, concise statement of the project thesis (who, what and how).
- Initial proposal should be approximately five pages and should contain an annotated bibliography of seven to ten sources.

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 permits enrolled college and seminary students access to certain credentials in their files. Because of the importance of preserving the confidentiality of letters of recommendation, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act permits an educational institution to suggest that an applicant may waive his or her right of access to letters of recommendation. Signing such a waiver is not required as a condition of admission, receipt of financial aid from, or receipt of any other services or benefits from ATS.

In order that the institution may have valid recommendations, it is suggested that the applicant consider waiving his or her right to see such letters of recommendation. Please be assured that letters of recommendation (along with transcripts and your own application) are used solely to determine an applicant's qualification for admission. Alliance Theological Seminary & Alliance Graduate School of Counseling will furnish (upon the applicant's request) the names of all individuals supplying references. However, the identity of those to whom he or she gives reference forms is generally known to the applicant. Signing the waiver statement on the reference form is all that is necessary on your part.

Statement of Faith

ATS is committed to a thoroughly evangelical Christian view of humanity and the world.

We Believe:

There is one God, who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on high as our great High Priest. He will come again to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace. The Holy Spirit is a divine person, sent to indwell, guide, teach, empower the believer and convince the world of sin, righteousness, and of judgment.

The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of man. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.

Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God; he fell through disobedience, incurring thereby physical and spiritual death. All men are born with a sinful nature, are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The portion of the impenitent and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment; and that of the believer, in everlasting joy and bliss. Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men; and those who repent and believe are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life, and become the children of God.

It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and sanctified wholly, being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service. This is both a crisis and a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion. Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the mortal body. Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil are taught in the Scriptures and are privileges for the church in this present age.

The church consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of the Body, the church, which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the gospel to all nations.

The local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God, for edification through the Word of God, for prayer, fellowship, the proclamation of the gospel, and observances of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life; for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.

The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal, visible and premillennial. This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service.

10. Statement of Agreement/Disagreement

Have you read, and are you in agreement with the Statement of Faith printed above?

Yes No (If not, explain any differing views on a separate sheet)

Signature

Print Name

Standard of Conduct Agreement

ATS recognizes the value of maintaining standards that contribute to the atmosphere on campus, foster fellowship with a wide range of Christians and, in many instances, assist in strengthening our Christian testimony to our community. Students and employees are asked to be supportive of these standards. ATS is for earnest Christians who are sensitive to the principles of Christian living that are found in the Bible. The Bible establishes basic principles for Christian character and behavior. These include the following:

- The Lordship of Christ over all of life and thought. This involves a life of faith in wholehearted obedience to the moral teaching of the Bible and careful stewardship in all of life.
- The responsibility to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Unselfish love should be the motive in all decisions, actions, and relationships.
- The responsibility to pursue righteousness and practice justice and mercy to everyone.
- The need to exercise our freedom responsibly within the framework of God's Word, with loving regard for the sensitivities of others.
- Regular participation in church worship and activities, which forms a necessary context for Christian living.

A Christian lifestyle is expected of all members of the ATS community. It consists of practicing Christian virtues and avoiding attitudes and actions that the Bible condemns as sinful. Christian virtues that members of this learning community are expected to exhibit include humility, honesty, a forgiving spirit, faith, hope and love. Attitudes that the Bible condemns and ATS regards as spiritually or morally unacceptable include greed, jealousy, pride, lust, bitterness, uncontrolled anger, and prejudice based on race, sex, or socio-economic status. In addition, drunkenness, stealing, profanity, unfair discrimination, dishonesty, occult practices, illegal activities, and sexual sins such as pre-marital sex, and adultery are unacceptable.

Students are expected to exercise discernment, and to abstain from all activities that tend to be morally degrading. Tangible evidence of maturing Christian convictions and discerning judgment is expected of each student. These standards apply to the student, both on campus and off campus while enrolled in any of the programs of the institution.

ATS reserves the right to dismiss a student who, in its judgment, does not conform to stated regulations governing student conduct, or to the expressed principles, policies, programs and expectations of the school. Your signature indicates your commitment to abide by these standards while enrolled at Alliance Theological Seminary/Alliance Graduate School of Counseling.

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Date