

**Application for Admission
Saskatoon Theological Union
Graduate Studies Programs**

Instructions

This application form is to be used for those desiring admission into one of the programs of the Graduate Studies Council of the Saskatoon Theological Union. There are two degree programs: **Doctor of Ministry** (DMin) (with a focus on rural ministry and community development) and **Master of Sacred Theology** (STM), which has a thesis track (*Track 1*) and non-thesis track (*Track 2*), and majors in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, New Testament, Systematic Theology, History of Christianity, Historical Theology, Ethics, Church & Society.

Applications are to be made to one of the three participating colleges, which will then, once the application has been accepted, become the college of registration, to which all subsequent fees will be paid. Please indicate the college of your choice in the space provided below, and mail the completed application to the "The Registrar" at the address indicated.

College of
Emmanuel & St.
Chad
114 Seminary Crescent
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0X3

Lutheran
Theological
Seminary
114 Seminary Crescent
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0X3

St. Andrew's
College
1121 College Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W3

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year, and will be considered by the appropriate bodies as soon as possible. Application deadline for the **DMin program is March 1 for June start and November 1 for January start.** The STM program begins in September, January or May; in order to allow sufficient time for the various stages of the process to take place, the application deadline for the **STM program is March 1 for May or September start, November 1 for January start.**

Please note that it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all supporting documentation reaches the college of application. The application will not be processed until all documentation and the non-refundable application fee are received.

The use, retention and disclosure of personal information collected from this form is done in compliance with privacy legislation including, but not limited to, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (2000, c.5).

Personal Information

1. Name _____
2. Permanent Address _____

3. Email _____
4. Telephone: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____
Cell (____) _____
5. Social Insurance Number (S.I.N.) _____
(required for issuing tuition receipts for Income Tax purposes)
6. Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____
(required to provide access to e-mail and online courses; this information will be shared only with Information Technology Services at the University of Saskatchewan)

Optional: for statistical purposes only

7. Denomination _____
8. Citizenship _____

9. In case of emergency notify _____ Phone _____
Address _____

Program

10. What is your desired program?

Master of Sacred Theology

Major: _____

Track 1 (thesis option)

Doctor of Ministry in
Rural Ministry and
Community Development

- Track 2* (non-thesis option)

Academic Background

11. Give details of your post-secondary educational background, listing colleges, universities, and seminaries attended, and degrees or diplomas received or presently being completed. Official transcripts must be requested from each institution to be sent directly to the Registrar of the college to which you are making application.

College or University	Major	Years attended	Degrees (with dates, including those in process)
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12. List any special academic honours.

13. List any other specialized or professional training that might be relevant (e.g., Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)).

14. List the languages in which you have at least a basic reading knowledge.

15. Please attach a writing sample, preferably of an academic nature. A paper from a previous course will suffice. It will be returned to you at your request.

16. Please provide a description of your academic interests as they pertain to the program and the area(s) of study that you would like to pursue. While it is not expected that every student will have a clear idea of the courses they would like to take or (in the case of *STM Track 1* and *DMin*) of the thesis/project research that they would like to carry out, and while it is expected that goals and interests will change and develop as studies progress, you are nevertheless encouraged to be as specific as you can at this stage in your thinking.

Vocational Background

17. Please provide an autobiographical statement containing the following information:
 - a) A reasonably full description of how key people and events in your life have affected your development in ministry and/or theology and brought you to apply to this graduate program;
 - b) A description of your faith journey and the current affirmations and challenges you are facing on that journey;
 - c) A description of your long-term objectives, vocational needs or career goals, showing how your proposed program of study will contribute to those objectives, needs or goals.

18. Applicants for DMin only:
Please describe:
a) How your ministry site has contributed to your vocational development;
b) How your ministry site would benefit from your enrollment in the DMin program.

Goals and Plans

19. All Applicants: Please provide your plan for meeting expenses during the program of study. Applicants for DMin only: In what ways is your ministry site willing to invest in this collaborative program (time, resources)?
20. What are your plans and expectations concerning the time frame within which you hope to complete the program? (Note that the DMin program is a cohort-based three-year program with a limit of five years, and the STM program has a limit of seven years.)

21. Applicants for STM only:

What are your plans or proposals for fulfilling the prerequisites of the major (language, methodology)? (Note that for students applying for *Track 1*, one of the prerequisites needs to be in hand at the time of admission into the program. Note, too that it is the relevant program committee that makes the final determination of what the language prerequisites will be in each case.)

21. Applicants for DMin only:

Please describe the plan you have worked out with your ministry site to integrate your DMin work into your ministry so that it becomes an essential component of that ministry—focus and time-wise—rather simply an external addition to it.

Please attach a letter from the relevant body or bodies (e.g., church board, parish council, bishop) at your ministry site demonstrating the site's support of your enrollment and their understanding of your time and their community commitment required.

References

22. Provide names, addresses and occupations of three persons who can supply references for you. Please provide each of these persons a copy of the reference form (found at the end of this application), with the request that the form be mailed directly to the Registrar of the college of your choice. At least one of the references **MUST** come from a person who is able to assess your capacity for academic work (e.g., a professor).

Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

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Address _____

Declaration and Signature

23. **Declaration:** I agree, if admitted to The College of Emmanuel & St. Chad, Lutheran Theological Seminary, or St. Andrew's College, to comply with the regulations of the College/Seminary and of the Graduate Studies Council. I certify that the information I have provided on and in support of this application is complete and true in all respects and that no relevant information has been withheld. I understand that misrepresentation, falsification of documents, or withholding of requested information in regard to this application is a serious offence which may result in prosecution under the College's/Seminary's disciplinary regulations and/or the Criminal Code of Canada. I also understand that other institutions may be notified if such information is discovered.

24. **Signature** of Applicant _____ Date _____

**REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF REFERENCE
GRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL, SASKATOON THEOLOGICAL UNION**

The information in this box should be filled in by the applicant

Name of Applicant _____

Degree program Doctor of Ministry in Rural Ministry and Community Development Master of Sacred Theology Major: _____

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Name of Referee _____

Position and Institution _____

The applicant named above is applying for admission to graduate studies at the Saskatoon Theological Union, and has identified you as a person willing to write a confidential letter of reference. We welcome any comments you wish to make pertaining to the applicant's suitability for pursuing the projected course of studies. As you are able, please give a candid assessment of the applicant's

- 1) academic ability,
- 2) personal strengths and weaknesses,
- 3) maturity, and potential for success in the graduate program.

Please include in your letter an indication of how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity.

The letter of reference should be signed, dated, attached to this form, and sent to The Registrar of the College of the applicant's registration (as indicated above). It should NOT be returned to the applicant.

Your letter is an important part of the assessment process. Thank you for your willingness to assist.