



Application for Admission

Vancouver School of Theology

Please send application material to:
Admissions Office, Vancouver School of Theology
6000 Iona Drive, Vancouver, BC V6T 1L4

Program of Study

Please indicate the degree you are seeking:

- Diploma in Theological Studies
- Diploma in Denominational Studies
- Master of Divinity
- Master of Arts in Theological Studies
- Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies
- Master of Theology

If you are interested in the PhD offered in conjunction with the University of Wales, Lampeter, please contact the Admissions Office directly at possibilities@vst.edu

Personal Information

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Alternate Telephone _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Citizenship _____

Faith Expression/Denomination _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Relationship _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

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Email _____

Academic Background

Give details of your post-secondary educational background, showing schools, universities, seminaries attended and degrees or diplomas received or in progress (please include an estimated completion date).

| School or University | Location | Dates Attended | Degrees, Diplomas & Date |
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Please request one transcript from each of the above institutions and arrange to have them sent directly to the Admissions Office at Vancouver School of Theology. All transcripts must arrive sealed by the sending institution.

Languages

Please indicate what language study, if any, you have completed

| Language | How was competency gained? | When? | To what level? |
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Vocational Background

(including relevant volunteer experience; if additional space is required please attach a separate sheet or submit a resume or CV)

Employer _____

Address _____ Dates _____

Type of Work _____ Position Held _____

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If you have undertaken any specialized or professional training, please indicate below:

If you are recognized by denomination as a candidate for ordained ministry or are in the process of seeking such recognition, please give the name and body of your denomination responsible for your ordination process and indicate you current status:

References

Three reference letters are required from persons familiar with your academic abilities. For applicants to the MDiv Program, one letter of the three should come from an individual familiar with their suitability for public and/or pastoral leadership. All letters must be sent directly to the Admissions Office by mail or faxed directly from the referee to: 604-822-9212. A copy of the Reference Form is attached.

| Name | Phone Number | Occupation | Relation |
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Financing and Budget

To what extent are you able to meet the expenses of your proposed VST program?

Non Native English Speakers

Applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence that they can read, write and speak in English at a graduate level. An internet based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) must be completed and the results should be provided with the student's Application for Admission or sent directly to the Admissions Office.

Program Specific Requirements

1. Diploma in Theological Studies and Denominational Studies, MDiv, and MATS Applicants

- i. Personal Statement (1000 words in total, typed, and double spaced)
 - Please answer the following questions:
 - a. Describe briefly your educational and/or vocational goals. What and who have been the formative influences on your faith and/or life that led you to pursue these goals?
 - b. What is your reason for applying to Vancouver School of Theology in particular?
- ii. Theological Reflection (1500 words in total, typed, and double spaced)
 - Referring to at least one theologian of significance in your journey, reflect on the following:
 - a. Select what you understand to be one of today's most critical issues and reflect on it in terms of your own theological/religious expression.
 - b. How have your faith/religious expression and life been affected by the pluralistic (e.g. class, ethnic, religious sexual orientation) nature of today's world?

2. Master of Theology and Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies Applicants

- i. Academic Paper (5000 - 7000 words total, typed, and double spaced)
 - Please submit with your application, an academic paper previously written for some other program. This paper can be returned to you upon written request.
- ii. Proposed Area of Study
 - Please provide a one-page (250 word) statement indicating the area you wish to study and interest in the program.

3. Communications

How did you hear about VST? Please check all relevant options and provide some further information in the space provided.

- Website
- Poster (Location: _____)
- Church (Denomination/Faith Expression: _____)
- Word of Mouth (Alum? Clergy? Professor? Other? _____)
- Print Media (newspapers, magazines, etc. _____)
- Email List

Application Fees

Please note that there is a \$75.00 application fee which needs to be paid before your application will be considered for admission. Cheques are payable to: Vancouver School of Theology.

Applicant's Statement

If accepted to Vancouver School of Theology, I intend to be a responsible and participating member of the VST community, abide by the policies of the School, and pay all tuition and fees applicable to my program of study.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date of Signature: _____

Freedom of information and protection of privacy

Your personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Vancouver School of Theology Act (1992) and is needed to process your application. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the Privacy Office at 604-822-9813. All information is held in confidentiality.

Vancouver School of Theology is committed to being a welcoming and diverse community of students, faculty, and staff. VST admits qualified students to its programs of study regardless of age, colour, gender, sexual orientation or preference, national or ethnic origin, or disability. VST does not discriminate on the bases of any of these in the administration of its educational priorities, admissions policies, bursaries, or other programs administered by the School.



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Confidential statement concerning: _____

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1. Character and personality
2. Academic ability
3. Emotional stability
4. Leadership and vocational qualities
5. Potential, in your opinion, for study in theology and ministry of the Church.

Date _____

Signed _____

Position & Title _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

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