

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION for the PhD PROGRAM

1. **TRANSCRIPTS:** Official transcripts of college, seminary, or other graduate work must be sent directly from the schools to:

Luther Seminary
Office of Graduate Theological Education
2481 Como Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55108

2. **ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATIONS:** Three official PhD Academic Recommendation Forms (see application website) must be sent directly by those writing the recommendations. Normally, persons submitting recommendations include two seminary or graduate school professors and one college professor with whom you have studied. If your college study was more than five years ago, another academic reference may be substituted. List names here:

Reference 1: _____

Reference 2: _____

Reference 3: _____

NOTE: If you come from a school that does not give letter grades or uses some form of the pass/fail system, provide names and contact information of two additional professors with whom you have studied:

Additional Reference 1: _____

Additional Reference 2: _____

3. **TEST SCORES:** Applicants who are U.S. Citizens *or* International applicants who have completed a degree from a U.S. institution must submit an official record of results of the **Graduate Record Examination (GRE)** not more than five years old. Luther Seminary's test code with the Educational Testing Service, which administers the GRE, is #6377.

International applicants who have *not* completed a degree from a U.S. institution must submit a score from either the **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)** or the **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)**. The internet-based test (iBT) TOEFL score is preferred, although the computer-based and paperbased test scores will be accepted. The iBT score must be 80 or above, with a reading rating of at least 22; listening of at least 20; speaking of at least 18; and writing of at least 20. Luther Seminary's test code with the Educational Testing Service, which administers the TOEFL, is #6377. The IELTS score must be 7.0 or above. Neither test's score can be more than two years old.

Arrangements should be made early so sufficient time is allowed for reporting the scores to Luther.

4. **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** Applicants must write a statement (no more than 5 pages) explaining the factors that have brought you to your present educational, intellectual, and ecclesiastical interests and vocational objectives. Include a description of your intended area of study and specialization, and indicate why you think Luther Seminary is suited to meet your needs and interests.
5. **WRITING SAMPLE:** Applicants must submit a recent sample of written work, normally not exceeding 5000 words, demonstrating your academic ability in the proposed area of study. This paper may have been prepared for a previous purpose or may be written for this application.
6. **CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION:** Pastoral care applicants are required to complete one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in an approved, accredited program as a prerequisite for admission to the pastoral care area of study.
7. **LANGUAGES:** All admitted PhD students must pass written examinations in two research languages. To avoid negative impact on doctoral study, it is strongly recommended that one modern language examination be taken at the time of entrance. Both language examinations must be passed before the comprehensive examination proposal can be submitted. Indicate your level of proficiency by listing the language courses or other study you have had in any languages below:

German: _____

French: _____

Latin: _____

Spanish: _____

Other: _____

Statistics: _____
(for students in Pastoral Care & Counseling and Congregational Mission & Leadership)

English: _____
(for students whose native language is other than English)