

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

ACTS SEMINARIES

The Associated Canadian Theological Schools (ACTS) is an association of five seminaries (Canadian Baptist Seminary, Canadian Pentecostal Seminary, Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Northwest Baptist Seminary, and Trinity Western Seminary) working together—an arrangement often called a cluster or a consortium. Collectively, the ACTS consortium constitutes the Graduate School of Theological Studies of Trinity Western University. Degrees in the consortium are offered conjointly, that is, by the University and the participating seminary together. In this way, ACTS students receive the best of university education and professional seminary training. TWU maintains membership in the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and ACTS is an accredited member in the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS).

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

All degree programs normally require an undergraduate degree or equivalent as a prerequisite for admission. Because the particular nature of the bachelor's degree may vary, applicants should consult the specific description of each degree program. In addition, each candidate must show evidence of personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and of submission to His will, as well as the positive recommendation of his or her church congregation. All students must agree to the Responsibilities of Membership of the University and signify this by their signature on it. ACTS admits students of any race, nationality, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally made available to students within ACTS.

ACTS DEGREE PROGRAMS

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN PASTORAL MINISTRIES (M.Div.)

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) is a three-year program which develops godly leaders who have a love and compassion for others growing out of their strong commitment to Jesus Christ and the Christian scriptures. A combination of classroom and church-based environments are used to equip graduates with the spiritual and personal maturity, biblical understanding, theological knowledge, and practical skills and competencies to plant, develop, and lead healthy churches.

TRACK OPTIONS:

Biblical Studies; Church Planting; Church Ministries; Contemporary Apologetics; Cross-cultural Ministries; Pastoral Care; Theological Studies.

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY (M.A.)

The Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy (M.A.M.F.T.), a 68 sem. hr. program, is designed to produce graduates with effective marriage and family therapy skills, committed to responding to spiritual and emotional needs by developing a biblically oriented, theoretical and practical understanding of human nature and the helping process. It is the perspective of the program that counselling as a vocational calling is grounded in the compassion of Jesus for those in need, and the teaching of the New Testament that offers healing for the whole person in Christ.

Note: This program is offered under the written consent of the Minister of Advanced Education effective March 11, 2008, having undergone a quality assessment process and been found to meet the criteria established by the minister. Nevertheless, prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (for example, acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (M.T.S.)

The Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) is a flexible two-year research-oriented program ideal for those whose sense of vocation includes teaching and scholarship, for those planning to pursue doctoral studies, or for those interested in advanced training and knowledge for their own educational purposes. The program offers a choice of five specializations, and includes opportunities to study in a mentoring relationship with faculty.

TRACK OPTIONS:

New Testament; Old Testament; Theology; Church History; and Apologetics.

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN CROSS- CULTURAL MINISTRIES (M.A.)

The purpose of the Master of Arts in Cross-Cultural Ministries (M.A.C.M.) is to develop leaders who have sensitivity to diverse worldviews, who can engage in cross-cultural ministries effectively, and who can partner with national or ethnic leaders and agencies as supportive facilitators, so that communities of New Testament believers are strengthened. A servant visionary leadership mindset is developed for success in global Christian ministries and for the equipping of others. This two-year program seeks to prepare committed individuals, convinced of the uniqueness of Christ and the urgency of the Great Commission, for the new paradigm of ministry partnership with national church leaders so that churches based upon New Testament principles can be established and strengthened throughout the world.

TRACK OPTIONS:

Mission Skills; Church Planting; Leadership; Literacy; Religions and the Gospel; and Research (Thesis).

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS AND EXEGESIS (M.L.E.)

The Master of Applied Linguistics and Exegesis (M.L.E.) is a two-year program designed to provide a thorough knowledge of the techniques of applied linguistics and biblical exegesis. Exegetical skills are developed through the study of biblical languages and intensive interaction with the biblical text. Graduates are prepared for effective cross-cultural communication and ministry with focus in Bible translation or literacy. This degree program is offered by ACTS in cooperation with the Canada Institute of Linguistics.

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES (M.A.)

The Master of Arts in Christian Studies (M.A.C.S.) is a two-year program designed to assist a person who possesses an undergraduate degree or equivalent to develop a coherent, biblical worldview, strengthen his or her spiritual disciplines, learn significant leadership skills, and demonstrate a measure of expertise in theological and ministry disciplines. Graduation requires the completion of a graduating essay.

TRACK OPTIONS:

Bible; Bible/Theology; Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care; Church History; Church Planting; Contemporary Apologetics; Cross-Cultural Ministries; Pastoral/Church Ministries; Korean Worldview Studies.

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN BIBLICAL STUDIES (M.Th.)

The Master of Theology (M.Th.) is a specialized, post-M.Div. research program of 30 sem. hrs. focusing in Biblical Studies. The program concentrates on developing competency in understanding and exegeting the Bible, and is ideal for those planning to teach or pursue doctoral studies.

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM IN PASTORAL MINISTRY (D.Min.)

The Doctor of Ministry degree is a professional development degree designed for people who have earned a Master of Divinity or the equivalent and who are actively engaged in pastoral ministry or evangelism. It requires significant attention to theory, but outcomes in view are professional. Students must complete at least three years of full-time ministry after completing an M.Div. before pursuing admission to the D.Min. As an in-service degree; students must be involved in regular ministry during the time of enrolment. The essence of the Doctor of Ministry program is not found in the courses and thesis project per se. It becomes a reality as one reflects on and implements program content in the ministerial context. This program also provides opportunity for students to explore leadership and spiritual formation in depth. The program can be completed in four years.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES (D.C.S.)

The one-year (27–32 sem. hrs.) Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies provides students who are actively engaged in ministry and witness with a quality master's level theological and biblical education combined with advanced integration in practice. This program is also designed for those wishing refreshment and upgrading of academic and professional life experience. The Graduate Diploma offers flexibility to meet individual in-service needs, especially for those students desiring a non-thesis program. If students work closely with their advisors, a large part of this program could be applicable to a more advanced degree. An undergraduate degree or its equivalent is normally required for admission.

TRACK OPTIONS:

Bible; Apologetics; Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care; Church History; Church Ministries; Church Planting; Cross-cultural Ministries; Theology; Korean Worldview Studies.

Note: A track is comprised of at least 9 sem. hrs. of course work in a specific area of study.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Students must register in one of the five seminaries. Students who belong to one of the participating denominations normally enrol in their respective seminary. Students from other denominations are assigned to one of the seminaries unless the student specifically indicates a preference. Applicants should note carefully the specific admissions requirements of each program.

Prospective students should apply at www.acts.twu.ca, submitting all educational and other documents as required. The application fee is payable on submission of the application. It is the policy of ACTS to welcome students from other denominations into its programs as space permits.

The Admissions Committee considers each application together with the other relevant documents and informs the candidates of their status as soon as possible. At the direction of the committee, candidates may be asked to attend a personal interview as part of the admissions process.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact ACTS Admissions Office.

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