



**Houston Graduate
School of Theology**
Evangelical, Multicultural, and Multidenominational

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Non-Refundable Application Fee Submitted
Date application received: _____

For Office Use Only

Degree or Program

Anticipated Status

- Master of Theological Studies (please check one area of concentration)
- Biblical Studies Christian Spirituality
 - Theological Studies Missional Theology
- Master of Arts in Counseling
- Preparation for the LPC Exam
 - Preparation for the LMFT Exam
 - Preparation for the LPC/LMFT Exams
- Master of Arts in Missional Leadership
- Master of Arts in Spiritual Direction
- Master of Divinity
- Non-degree-based study (including Certificate Programs)
- Applying for: Fall Spring Summer 20____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name _____ Gender Male Female

Preferred Name _____ Social Security # _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Place of Birth _____

Current Street Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Work Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Permanent Address (if different from above)

Street Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Emergency Contact (to be contacted only in case of emergency)

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Prominent Ethnic Background (optional)

Providing this information is voluntary. The information you choose to provide will be used in a nondiscriminatory manner, consistent with applicable civil rights laws, solely for required reporting under federal and/or state laws.

- African-American/Black; Native-American/Alaskan Native; Asian-American/Pacific Islander;
- White, Non-Hispanic; Hispanic; Multiethnic; Other _____

Citizenship and Language Proficiency

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No

If not, are you a permanent legal resident of the United States? Yes No

If neither a citizen nor permanent legal resident, please provide the following information:

Country of Citizenship _____

Current VISA Type/Status

F-1 at _____
 Name of Institution City and State

Other: _____

Primary Language: English Other than English _____

Applicants for whom English is not their first language must complete the TOEFL examination with a minimum score of 550 (PBT-written), 213 (CBT-computer-based), or 79 (iBT-Internet-based).

TOEFL Score: PBT _____ or CBT _____ or iBT _____ Date taken _____

Are you a veteran? Yes No If yes, indicate branch, dates of service, and rank:

ACADEMIC HISTORY

In the chart below, list every educational institution attended, attaching an extra sheet if necessary. If you believe your academic record is not an accurate indication of your intellectual ability, you may address the circumstances in a letter to the Academic Office.

In addition to providing this information, you are *required* to provide HGST with an *official transcript* from *every* post-secondary educational institution you have attended. Transcripts must be sent from the institution's registrar directly to HGST. Academic transcripts issued by colleges or universities in foreign countries must be evaluated by an HGST-approved evaluation service, at the student's expense, and sent directly from this service to HGST. International transcripts for non-qualifying degrees must be submitted for the Admissions file but do not require evaluation.

Please list all post-secondary institutions attended:

Institution	Location	Attendance from/to		Type of degree earned	Year received

If you have ever been convicted of a felony, please explain.

Did you begin your studies at another graduate-level institution? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Do you plan to apply for transfer credit from another graduate-level institution? Yes No

(Students who attended other accredited Master's programs may petition the Academic Office for transfer credits of up to 2/3 of the degree program. Please contact the Admissions Office for details regarding this process.)

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Employer _____ Street Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____ Work Phone (_____) _____

Position _____ Supervisor _____

Note any previous career(s), number of years in each position, job skills, or vocational interests (*attach additional page if needed*), which may be of help in the admissions process:

CHURCH BACKGROUND

Denominational Affiliation (*full, official name*) _____

Church Name _____

Address _____ City/State/ZIP _____

Pastor _____ Church Phone (_____) _____

Pastor's Email _____ Church Fax (_____) _____

Are you a member of this church? Yes No Are you now serving as a pastor? Yes No

If yes, describe your position and/or your primary area of ministry involvement:

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please name the person in each category from whom we can expect to receive a recommendation form.

a. Academic Reference

Name: _____ Position: _____

b. Pastoral Reference

Name: _____ Position: _____

c. Personal Reference

Name: _____ Position: _____

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Will you apply for a federal student loan to help with the cost of your studies at HGST? Yes No

Have you filed a FAFSA for your studies at HGST? Yes No Current amount of student loan debt: \$ _____

Will you use VA benefits to fund any or all of your education? Yes No
Students who plan to use VA benefits must submit a copy of their DD-214 and military transcripts.

Do you anticipate receiving other outside funding to finance your studies? Yes No

If yes, indicate sources (e.g. family, church, business, military, friends, etc.):

Non-refundable \$50 application fee: Check payable to Houston Graduate School of Theology
 Online payment via www.hgst.edu/online-payments

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

All documents must be submitted in English

The complete file, including the Application Form, three reference forms, answers to admission questions, and official transcripts should be sent to the Admissions Office at least two months prior to the beginning of a term. Student notification of admission to the degree program will be mailed after completion of all application procedures, including the English Proficiency Exam and GRE scores (MAC only). Answers to admission questions are to be typed, double-spaced, in English, and written in academic style. Please visit www.hgst.edu and the Academic Catalog for more information regarding the admissions process. ***Application fee must be submitted before application will be processed.***

Please send this form and admissions materials to:

Admissions Office
Houston Graduate School of Theology
4300-C West Bellfort
Houston, TX 77035

Completed applications may also be emailed to admissions@hgst.edu

Please contact the Admissions Office with questions:

(713) 942-9505 or admissions@hgst.edu

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Signed _____ Date _____

Student's signature indicates that all information contained herein is accurate to the best of his or her knowledge.