

## Admissions

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New York Theological Seminary (NYTS) is a professional graduate school whose primary mission is to prepare men and women for ministries in Christian churches and other religious institutions.

Students are admitted without discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, or orientation, and represent a broad range of denominations, theological views, faith commitments, and cultural traditions.

All candidates for degrees or certificates are expected to:

- *articulate an understanding of their own particular call to ministry, recognizing that this is interpreted differently across the range of traditions represented within the Seminary*
- *belong to a particular community of faith which has in some manner recognized or affirmed that calling*

Further requirements for each degree and certificate are listed elsewhere in this catalogue in the relevant program description sections.

The Seminary has a rolling admissions policy for all master's degree programs: the Master of Arts in Pastoral Care and Counseling (MAPCC), Master of Arts in Religious Education (MARE), Master of Art in Religious Leadership and Administration (MARLA), and Master of Divinity (MDiv).

Applications are reviewed and interviews with prospective students are scheduled on a regular basis throughout the year. Once admitted, a student may register and begin attending classes in the next available semester.

Interested candidates should know that the required courses in biblical studies and foundations of ministry are offered sequentially in fall and spring semesters, and are thus encouraged to complete their applications in time to begin the fall semester.

Financial aid is awarded during the spring of each year in order to assist students with their financial planning for the year. Applications are available from the Director of Financial Aid and online at the Seminary's web page ([www.nyts.edu](http://www.nyts.edu)).

Admission into the Master of Professional Studies (MPS) program is limited to candidates who are currently incarcerated within the New York State Department of Corrections system, and who meet additional eligibility requirements set by the Department of Corrections. For more information on admissions to the MPS, contact the Director of the MPS program at NYTS.

Admission to the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program is generally in the fall, but may take place prior to the beginning of any particular track. For more information on deadlines for application to the DMin, contact the Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program.

Admission to the Certificate Program (CP) is generally during the week prior to the beginning of the fall or spring semester, as posted in the academic calendar available on the NYTS web site or from the Registrar. Special registration periods are held at various sites throughout the New York metropolitan region and online for the CP. Candidates may apply and register for the CP at the same time, provided they complete all necessary application information.

An application for admission must be completed in its entirety in order for a student to be fully admitted into one of the Seminary's degree programs. All information contained in a Seminary application is considered confidential and will be kept on file in the Office of the Registrar. Further information regarding the Seminary's compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) can be found below.

Students who have been admitted to one of the master's degree programs who wish to transfer to another program may do so only with the permission of the Academic Dean. Students seeking to transfer are not required to complete a new application, but will be asked to complete a supplemental statement indicating the reason for the transfer in programs. Students who have completed one master's degree at NYTS and wish to enroll in one of the other master's degree programs will be required to complete a new application.