



Admissions Policies

Grace Communion Seminary requires applicants to possess a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree or a graduate degree from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation for entry into its programs of study. Official proof of degree is required.

The grade-point average (GPA) in the highest degree submitted is used in the acceptance process for GCS. Applicants must have attained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4 point scale) in their highest degree earned for admittance into our graduate program. Those with a GPA between 2.5 and 3.0 may receive provisional acceptance; in their first four courses the student must attain a 3.0 cumulative GPA to be granted full acceptance status.

All applicants are admitted to the same level of graduate education of theological and ministry studies in our courses, whether they desire to take the Certificate, Advanced Diploma, or the Master's degree.

Students with degrees from non-English speaking institutions must also meet the minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) requirements of 600 on the paper-based test.

To fulfill many of the assignments in our curriculum, students must be active in some ministry within an established congregation, especially as they progress to the Christian ministry courses.

To apply for admission to Grace Communion Seminary, the applicant is required to see that the following documents are submitted to GCS:

1. A completed application form signed by the student (available online)
2. Application fee of \$40
3. A copy of a government-issued identification document for the student
4. Official transcript(s) of highest previous degree in a sealed, intact envelope (may be sent directly to GCS from the granting institution)
5. One recommendation (may be sent separately)

Exceptional admits:

Students who have been denied admission due to a GPA below 2.5 or due to not having a baccalaureate or master's degree from an accredited institution may be considered for provisional acceptance as an Exceptional Admit. Individuals with an Associate of Arts degree (or sixty units credit) and significant pastoral experience may petition for provisional acceptance into the graduate program. Demonstration of Experiential Learning has to be documented through a portfolio of learning experiences to establish qualifications for doing graduate-level work. The entrance documents are not accepted for any course credit.

GCS reserves the right to limit the number of students accepted under the Exceptional Admit provisions.

