

Instructions

Thank you for your interest in BTS! In order for our office to best facilitate your application, please read the instructions carefully and fill out all information. If you have a question regarding a particular section of the application, please read the instruction section corresponding to that question for more information. Note that all information received is treated in strict confidence and used only in conjunction with your application and assessment for graduation.

You are responsible for seeing that all transcripts, forms and requests have been submitted in order to make your file ready for review by the Admissions Committee. Please call the Registrar's Office to check the status of your application or to receive instructions for documenting unusual circumstances.

1. APPLICATION FEE

Please submit the S\$30 application fee along with your application. This fee is non-refundable. All cheques or international drafts are to be made payable to Baptist Theological Seminary.

2. TRANSCRIPT

Please submit official copies of the following:

- A. A transcript of courses taken at highest educational level.
- B. If you have graduated from a Bible college or Seminary, an official transcript is to be submitted as well.
- C. If you do not have a copy of the transcript, then this must be requested and mailed directly from the Bible college/Seminary to BTS Registrar's Office.
- D. All academic records and transcript in a foreign language must be translated to English.

3. PERSONAL REFERENCE FORMS

Please submit three personal reference forms: one from your pastor, and two from persons (not relatives) who have known you for more than two years. Please write your full name (as shown in your I/C or Passport) before you give them to the references. Reference forms must be mailed in sealed envelopes to the Registrar's Office directly from your references.

4. CHURCH ENDORSEMENT (Not required for Advanced and Graduate Diploma Programmes)

Please submit church endorsement forms for all churches that have held your membership for the previous 12 months. Please put your full name (as shown in your I/C or Passport) on the Church endorsement Form. The Church Endorsement Form must be mailed to the Office of Admissions in a sealed envelope directly from your church.

If you have been attending a church other than that which holds your membership, you must have that church fill out the form as best as it can, and you must submit a letter explaining why you are attending another church but have not yet moved your membership. Church membership is required.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Additional information may be requested by the Admissions Committee when necessary.

6. SPOUSE/FIANCÉ(E) INFORMATION

This form must be filled by the applicant's spouses or fiancé(e). Single applicants may disregard this form.

7. MEDICAL REPORT (For Overseas Applicants)

A general medical examination report in English (or with English translation) must be submitted along with the application. Please note that successful applicants are required by Immigration & Checkpoints Authority to undergo Chest X-ray and HIV test after arriving in Singapore. Student pass may not be granted if abnormalities are found. In such case, the student needs to leave Singapore before the entry visa expires.

8. TOEFL/IELTS SCORE REPORT (For Applicants from non-English speaking cultures)

Check List

- ☐ Application fee of SGD30.00
- ☐ Copy of NRIC/Passport Information Page
- ☐ 2 passport photos (1 hardcopy, 1 digital)
- ☐ Copy of Baptism Certificate
- ☐ Copy of Educational Certificates
- ☐ Highest Qualification Transcript
- ☐ Statement of Call & Commitment
- ☐ Church Endorsement Form (not required for Diploma programmes)
- ☐ 3 Personal Reference Forms (1 Pastor, 2 Personal)
- ☐ Spouse/ Fiancé(e) Information Form
- ☐ Medical Examination Report
- ☐ TOEFL/ IELTS score



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Application for Admission

Personal Information

Full Name (as in Passport) _____

Name in Chinese Characters, if applicable) _____

Address _____

Contact _____ (H) _____ (O) _____ (HP)

E-mail address _____

NOTE: Please notify us if there is an address change at any point during the application process.

Birthdate (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ Current age _____

Nationality: _____ NRIC/Passport Number: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

I am applying to attend seminary in ☐ Jul _____ (year)

NOTE: Date of application should be no more than one year prior to intended enrollment.

Programme of Study

Check a box below to indicate the programme of study you are applying for.

Undergraduate Programmes

(Minimum age - 22, A-level or equivalent required)

- ☐ Advanced Diploma in Christian Studies (ADCS)
- ☐ Advanced Diploma in Intercultural Ministry (ADINCM)
- ☐ Bachelor of Theology (BTh)

Graduate Degrees

(Minimum age - 24, Accredited Bachelor degree required)

- ☐ Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies (GDCS)
- ☐ Graduate Diploma in Intercultural Ministry (GDINCM)
- ☐ Master of Divinity (MDiv)
- ☐ Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS)
- ☐ Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministry (MAINCM)

Academic Background

Please list all school/institutions attended since secondary level and beyond.

Name of School/University	Year	Level Attained
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Indicate any seminary attended, even if you did not complete studies.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Practical Experience

Beginning with the most recent, list your last three ministry involvement with a church or organization.

Ministry	Church/Organization	Period
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Beginning with the most recent, list positions in business or secular employment you have held.

Position	Name of Company	Period
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Religious Information

Tick the following that apply to you.

☐ Lay Leader ☐ Minister ☐ Ordained Minister

Do you sense God's leading to vocational mission service?

☐ Foreign ☐ Home ☐ Both ☐ Neither

Age when you became a Christian _____

Age when you made a decision for vocational Christian service _____ (if applicable)

Name of church where you are **now** a member _____

Member since _____

Mailing Address _____

Name of Pastor _____

Date of Baptism _____

Church where you were baptized _____

Statement of Call and Commitment

Please respond to the following statements in typewritten form on a separate sheet of paper. Please limit your responses to one-half page per item. Please follow the outline below. **Include your name on each page.**

- I. Explain your conversion experience. Include your age, circumstances, etc.
- II. Give your family background
- III. Share elements and factors that have influenced your spiritual development such as family involvement in church work and your volunteer experiences in church-related activities.
- IV. Tell us how God led you to the point where you feel you need to be trained in seminary? How have your family and your church responded to your decision?
- V. To what area of ministry has God been leading you? What are your ministry goals?
- VI. How does your desired degree from BTS coincide with your ministry goals?

Medical/Emotional/Social Information (MES)

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you or your spouse ever required the care of a psychiatrist or any type of psychotherapist or counsellor? If you answer yes provide a statement describing the situation and the name and address of the person(s) you consulted for professional help.
(Put the item code MES at the top of your statement)

_____ If married, on a scale of one to ten (with one being the lowest), assess the present strength of your marriage.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you ever been divorced? If yes, provide a statement describing the circumstance that led to this.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you ever used illegal drugs or abused alcohol or prescription drugs? If yes, provide an explanation. (Put the item code MES at the top of your statement)

- ☐ Yes ☐ No In the past three years have you ever been involved in heterosexual misconduct or homosexual behaviour? If yes, provide a statement describing the circumstances of the events and your present lifestyle. (Put the item code MES at the top of your statement)

Current Medications	For Treatment of
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Do you have any chronic or serious illness or learning disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain _____

Have you been under a physician's care during the past three years for any serious medical, physical or emotional disorder? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain _____

Financial Statement

Financial Obligations (This Section is Required)

Briefly state your plans for financing your seminary expenses _____

I HAVE READ THE CURRENT CATALOGUE WITH REGARD TO THE FEES CHARGED FOR ENROLLING AT BTS. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Family Information

Marital Status ☐ Single ☐ Engaged ☐ Married ☐ Widow/er ☐ Divorced / Separated

Number of children _____

Full Name of Child/Children	Birthdate (dd/mm/yyyy)	Age	Gender (M/F)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

For International Students only

If you are married, do you plan to bring your family to Singapore with you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please explain the circumstances that make it necessary to come without your family.

Spouse/Fiancé(e) Name _____
Maiden name Date of Birth Age

Date of marriage / Proposed date of marriage _____

Insurance Acknowledgement

I, _____ acknowledge that Baptist Theological Seminary:

- (1) has encouraged me to provide health insurance for my family, if applicable, and myself;
- (2) has advised me by this acknowledgement that it does not furnish health insurance for my family, if applicable, or me;
- (3) is not responsible for providing health insurance for my family, if applicable, and me;
- (4) is not responsible for providing health care or financial support for my health care bills.

Ethical Conduct Statement

This statement must be signed and dated BEFORE your application can be processed.

Please read the following Ethical Conduct Standards, which are enforced at Baptist Theological Seminary.

The seminary through its faculty committees, may take discipline action, including dismissal, should standard of personal and ethical conduct becoming to a Baptist minister be violated. Violations of this standard shall include conduct deemed by the seminary as being conduct not becoming a Baptist minister. Examples of this type of conduct are listed below. The examples do not provide an exhaustive list.

- a. Giving false or incomplete statements to the seminary orally or in writing including, but not limited to, one's application for admission, registration or altering records;
- b. Violation of seminary regulations and policies;
- c. Heterosexual misconduct or homosexual behaviour;
- d. Use or possession of illegal drugs;
- e. Fighting, abusive or vulgar language;
- f. Academic misconduct, including but not limited to plagiarism or cheating;
- g. Theft of seminary or personal property; and
- h. Financial irresponsibility.

I affirm that I have read, understand and will be in compliance with these standards as long as I am registered for any class at the seminary. I also understand that any violation of the standards may result in disciplinary action.

Signature_____

Date_____

Additional Statement

I also fully understand that notwithstanding the above statement and fulfilling academic requirements, graduation is not automatic but subject to the final approval of the Seminary.

Signature_____

Date_____

NOTE: Baptist Theological Seminary reserves the right to terminate the student's studies if there is any false declaration in the application.