



Atlantic School of Theology

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES Program Information and Application Form

The Graduate Certificate Program in Theological Studies (GCTS) is a 10-credit program. Requirements may be met entirely via online courses. The program parallels the first year of the MDiv degree program and may serve as a time of discernment for further academic or professional needs. You must maintain an overall B average to qualify for the certificate. Credits obtained in the program may be brought forward to a degree program at AST and will be subject to the admission requirements of that program. Courses assigned C grades are not transferable to any AST graduate program.

To complete the GCTS program you will need to complete at least 10 term credits distributed as follows:

- Two foundation courses in biblical studies (BF 1001 and BF 1002);
- One foundation course in theological studies (TF 1000); and
- Seven elective credits in biblical, theological (systematic theology, church history or ethics), pastoral theology (including WF 1000), or research methods (RM 1000).

You may concentrate in any one of biblical, theological (systematic theology, church history or ethics), or pastoral theology, but may not take more than five courses in any one area. Normally, the required foundation courses will be included in the maximum number of courses in a subject area. GCTS students generally will not be permitted to enroll in Supervised Field Education or Clinical Pastoral Education.

GCTS students may take up to five years to complete the program. If you are admitted to the MDiv degree program after completing the Graduate Certificate, you will be permitted five years to complete the MDiv requirements. If you are admitted to the MA (Theology and Religious Studies) degree program after completing the Graduate Certificate you will be permitted six years to complete the MA (Theology and Religious Studies) as a first degree in theology.

You may apply for admission to a degree program at any time during the Graduate Certificate program. If you have not completed the Graduate Certificate requirements and are admitted to the MDiv program, you will have seven years [fewer than five GCTS credits] or six years [six or more GCTS credits] from the date of admission to complete the remaining MDiv program requirements.

If you have not completed the Graduate Certificate requirements and are admitted to the MA (Theology and Religious Studies) program, you have five years from the date of admission to complete the MA (Theology and Religious Studies) as a specialization in theology or seven years to complete the MA (Theology and Religious Studies) as a first degree in theology.

All students admitted to the MA (Theology and Religious Studies) program at AST must maintain an overall B+ average in their course work and their thesis (for those in the thesis stream) to qualify for the degree.

To be admitted to the GCTS you will need a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university, with a minimum of 'B' average (or grade point average equivalent). Your interests, talents, and personal goals should correspond with the program's purposes. If you do not hold a Bachelor's degree, please see the "Academic Program Admissions" section in your Academic Calendar on the AST website or call 902-425-3691 for information about studying at AST without a Bachelor's Degree.

To apply, please submit the following to the Office of the Registrar at Atlantic School of Theology:

- completed *Application Form*
- *Letter of Intent* (1 to 6 paragraphs) outlining your interests in studying at AST and the objectives you hope to achieve;
- non-refundable \$70.00 *Application Fee*; and
- *Official Transcript(s)* of your academic record from each university or college you have attended sent by each issuing institution directly to the Office of the Registrar at AST.



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APPLICATION FORM

1. Application for academic year beginning: Month _____ Year _____
2. Full-Time () Part-Time ()
3. Name: _____
Surname Given Name(s)
4. Address: _____
Street

City/Town Province Postal Code Telephone No.
5. Email Address: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____
6. Social Insurance Number: _____
7. Date of Birth: _____
Day Month Year
8. Place of Birth: _____
9. Mother Tongue: English () French () Other _____ ()
10. Citizenship: Canadian () Other _____ ()
Immigration Status: Permanent Resident () Student Visa () Other _____ ()
Date of Entry to Canada: _____
11. Religious Denomination: Anglican () Roman Catholic () United Church () Other _____ ()

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12. University Education:

University	Degree	Date
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University	Degree	Date
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AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR ACADEMIC WORK SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY FROM YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY TO THE REGISTRAR, ATLANTIC SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ARRANGE FOR THIS TRANSCRIPT TO BE SENT.

13. Other Academic Background: _____

AS WELL AS ACADEMIC STANDING, ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL REQUIRES "THE POSSESSION OF THOSE INTERESTS, APTITUDES AND PERSONAL OBJECTIVES WHICH CORRESPOND WITH THE SCHOOL'S PURPOSES."

PLEASE ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION WITH A LETTER OF INTENT (1 TO 6 PARAGRAPHS) OUTLINING YOUR INTERESTS IN STUDYING AT THE SCHOOL AND THE OBJECTIVES WHICH YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE).

I confirm that the information given in this application form is true, complete and accurate.

Date

Signature of Applicant

Payment of a \$70 non-refundable application fee must accompany this application form. Cheques may be made payable to Atlantic School of Theology. For Visa or MasterCard payments please complete the following:

Visa or MasterCard Card # _____ Expiry Date: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____ Cardholder's Signature: _____

Forward your completed application form, \$70 non-refundable application fee, letter of intent, and official transcript(s) to:
Registrar
Atlantic School of Theology
660 Francklyn Street
Halifax, NS B3H 3B5

If you have questions regarding completion of this form or the admission process, please contact the Registrar:
Phone: (902) 425-3691
Email: registrar@astheology.ns.ca