

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES  
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS  
ATLANTIC SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**



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. See the GCTS program description in the AST Academic Calendar for further information.

To be admitted to the GCTS program you will need a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university, with a minimum of a B average (or grade point average equivalent). If you do not have a Bachelor's degree, but have a combination of prior postsecondary studies and significant life experience, you may apply for admission to the GCTS program after successful completion of AST's Prior Learning Assessment process.

The deadline for submission of GCTS application forms and all supporting documents is **March 15** for Summer Term, **May 1** for Fall Term, and **November 1** for Winter Term. If you need an extension to submit your GCTS application, contact the Registrar ([registrar@asttheology.ns.ca](mailto:registrar@asttheology.ns.ca)) and include "request for extension – GCTS" in the subject line of your email.

GCTS applications are not eligible for entrance scholarships.

**APPLICATION FEE** - A \$75 non-refundable application fee must be paid prior to the assessment of your application. This fee must be paid in Canadian funds by cheque, e-Transfer, money order, bank draft, Visa credit card or MasterCard credit card. Visa debit and MasterCard debit payments are accepted at the Business Office in person only.

**Incomplete application packages will not be processed.** Please ensure that the following items are sent to the Registrar at Atlantic School of Theology by the application deadline.

1. **COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM** - Please complete the application form using the fillable PDF option. Submit your application by email or print and send by regular mail.

**Instructions to complete fillable PDFs:**

You will need the latest version of Adobe Reader - <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. Before completing the applicable form you will need to save the form (PDF format) to a location on your computer by right clicking and selecting "Save As". Once you have saved the form as a PDF to your computer, you are ready to complete the form. Complete the various sections of the form by tabbing through the form. After you have completed the form, save a final version to your computer.

2. **LETTER OF INTENT** - Write 1 page (1 to 6 paragraphs) outlining your interests in studying at AST and the objectives you hope to achieve.

3. **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** - Request an official transcript for all of your previous and current postsecondary education to be sent directly to the Registrar at Atlantic School of Theology.

**Be sure to include your completed application form and letter of intent in ONE email or package.** Submit your application package by email to [registrar@asttheology.ns.ca](mailto:registrar@asttheology.ns.ca) OR in paper format by regular mail to:

**Registrar  
Atlantic School of Theology  
660 Francklyn Street  
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 3B5**

To drop off in person please note the Registrar's Office is located on the lower level of the AST Library.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City/Town Province/State Postal Code Country

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
yyyy/mm/dd

Social Insurance Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required for official tax receipt for tuition and/or bursaries)

Gender:  Male  Female  Gender Diverse

First Language:  English  French  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Religious denomination or tradition: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to seek ordination in your religious denomination or tradition? Yes No Undecided

Optional information

AST collects the following information for statistical purposes and to improve student services. Information you provide here will not impact the university's decision to admit you to a program of study. You may skip this section if you wish.

*Students with Disabilities*

Do you consider yourself a person with a disability?

Yes No Prefer not to answer

Please note: Learning accommodations for persons with disabilities should be requested and documented by writing to the Registrar prior to the start date of your studies.

*Racial or Ethnic Identity*

Please indicate if you self-identify within any of the following groups:

Indigenous, Aboriginal, First Nations status, First Nations non-status, Métis, or Inuit from Canada or the USA

Yes No Prefer not to answer

Indigenous, Aboriginal, or First Nations from other parts of the world

Yes No Prefer not to answer

Asian or a person of Asian descent

Yes No Prefer not to answer

Black or a person of African descent

Yes No Prefer not to answer

Pacific Islander or a person of Pacific Islander descent

Yes No Prefer not to answer

South Asian or a person of South Asian descent

Yes No Prefer not to answer

West Asian, Arab, or a person of West Asian or Arab descent

Yes No Prefer not to answer

White or a person of European, Anglo, or Celtic descent

Yes No Prefer not to answer

More than one racial or ethnic identity

Yes No Prefer not to answer

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship:  Canadian  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Status in Canada:  Permanent resident  International student Visa  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you previously attended AST, indicate program(s) and year(s) attended:

When do you intend to begin the GCTS Program at AST: Summer Term  
Fall Term  
Winter Term

Will you be taking courses primarily: on campus OR online courses only OR undecided

**Previous Academic Studies:**

Are you applying for admission without a Bachelor's degree? Yes No

IF NO, please skip to Application Form Page 3.

IF YES, complete AST's Prior Learning Assessment process. Contact the Academic Office (academic@astheology.ns.ca) for details. Your Prior Learning Portfolio must be assessed before your GCTS application can be processed

Prior Learning Portfolio Submission Dates

Intended Start Date for Graduate Studies	Submission Date for Prior Learning Portfolio
Summer Term	February 1
Fall Term	March 15
Winter Term	October 15

Indicate your status in AST's Prior Learning Assessment process:

have not yet contacted the Academic Office

submitted the \$400 Prior Learning Portfolio Processing fee to the Academic Office \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/yyyy)

consulted with an AST Prior Learning Assessment advisor \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/yyyy)

submitted Prior Learning Portfolio to the Academic Office \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/yyyy)

received a letter from the Academic Dean regarding your Prior Learning Assessment \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/yyyy)

