



# Admissions Policies

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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. No course taken under provisional status may be below a B.

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 550 on the paper-based test or 80 on the internet-based test (iBT).

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 \$50
3. A color copy or scan of a government-issued identification document for the student (may be submitted electronically)
4. Official transcript(s) of highest previous degree in a sealed, intact envelope (may be sent directly to GCS from the granting institution). If the transcript is not in English, it must be submitted through World Education Services' ICAP services.
5. One recommendation (may be sent separately)
6. Students with degrees from non-English language institutions must submit TOEFL document.

## **Exceptional admits:**

Students who have been denied admission due to not having a baccalaureate or master's degree from an accredited institution or due to a GPA below 2.5 may be considered for provisional acceptance as an Exceptional Admit. Individuals with an Associate of Arts degree (or 60 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.