



## International Student Checklist

Louisville Seminary warmly welcomes international students to apply to our degree programs. There are a number of steps to complete before international students can matriculate into any of our programs. Please refer to the information below to help you navigate this process.

**Step 1: Apply for Admission.** Visit [www.lpts.edu](http://www.lpts.edu) to view application requirements and to complete your application on-line. December 1 is the deadline for international students to apply to any of our master's degree programs.

### TOEFL REQUIREMENT (LPTS does not accept IELTS scores)

LPTS requires a score of 550 or better on the paper-based exam, a 213 or better on the computer-based exam or a 79 or better on the internet-based exam. The LPTS TOEFL institution code number is 1411. A TOEFL score may be waived for those who have completed a degree in the United States and submit a reference from a professor of a course completed for that degree. International applicants with citizenship in qualifying countries where English is the official language are also exempt from this requirement.

If you are granted admission, you can move to steps 2-7.

**Step 2: Financial obligations.** International students will receive a 100% tuition scholarship. However, tuition is only a portion of the cost to attend seminary. The Seminary will provide you with an estimate of expenses for each year of your program. You must then complete and submit the International Student Financial statement form provided by the Seminary verifying that you will be able to cover these expenses. Additionally, you must pay your non-refundable tuition deposit of \$200.00 by the deadline date provided on your letter of acceptance (included in total deposit expenses due). Then, you must pay the remaining balance of your international student deposit, which is equivalent to 5 months of estimated living expenses provided to you by the Seminary. The deadline for this step is April 15.

**Step 3:** Apply for housing by April 15, or research your own off-campus housing options. Application forms for housing are available from the Office of Admissions. For campus housing, a housing deposit is required, which is separate from your tuition and international student deposits. Click [here](#) for more information about housing, or visit <https://www.lpts.edu/academics/financial/#housing>.

**Step 4:** When steps 1-3 are met, then the Seminary will issue you an I-20 so you can apply for your F-1 Visa.

**Step 5:** Submit verification of health insurance by July 1. All students are required to have health insurance and must provide proof of coverage. Some options for health insurance coverage can be found through [www.internationalstudentinsurance.com](http://www.internationalstudentinsurance.com).

**Step 6:** Arrive on campus in mid-August (date TBA) to attend orientation for international students.

**Note:** If you do not complete all of the above steps, matriculation will be denied.

If you have additional questions or need more information, please contact:

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