

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Special Admission Information

Prospective students wanting to be considered for this provisional admission must work with the Admissions Office to plan a program leading to a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, either from a local institution or from an external degree program accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) or comparable regional bodies. An applicant to our Master of Divinity program who is a graduate of a college without regional accreditation may be admitted to Louisville Seminary only under exceptional circumstances, and then only through special admission. To be considered for Fall admission, an applicant must apply before February 1 and must come for an interview with the Admissions Committee. Graduates of a college without regional accreditation are responsible for meeting the undergraduate educational requirements of their official church bodies and are advised that these requirements may not be satisfied by their special student program at Louisville Seminary.

Such candidates, if admitted, are accepted provisionally and on probation as special students working toward a degree program. Ordinarily, after the completion of no more than 30 hours of course work - which must be completed in no more than three semesters - the Faculty will vote as to whether or not a person in this category will be allowed to continue in the degree program.

Special admission can be granted when official church bodies request that the Seminary arrange a special course of study for a person who does not have a bachelor's degree. This request must state the reasons for requesting the admission and that the applicant is capable of seminary-level study. Such a student is ineligible for a degree and, thus, is classified as a special admission. A student successfully completing a special course of study may be given a certificate.