



# Application for Admission

Please send application material to:  
Admissions Office, Vancouver School of Theology  
Mail: 6015 Walter Gage Rd., Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1  
Email: [mtrim@vst.edu](mailto:mtrim@vst.edu)

Vancouver School of Theology is committed to being a welcoming and diverse community of students, faculty, and staff. VST admits qualified students to its programs of study regardless of age, colour, gender, sexual orientation or preference, national or ethnic origin, or disability. VST does not discriminate on the bases of any of these in the administration of its educational priorities, admissions policies, bursaries, or other programs administered by the School.

## Program of Study

Please indicate the degree you are seeking:

### Basic Graduate Degrees:

Diploma in Theological Studies

Diploma in Denominational Studies

Master of Divinity

Master of Arts in Public and Pastoral Leadership (MA PPL)

MA PPL in Spiritual Care

Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS)

Master of Arts in Indigenous and Inter-Religious Studies

### Advanced Graduate Degrees:

Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies

Master of Theology

## Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Faith Expression/Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal affiliation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Academic Background

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Give details of your post-secondary educational background, showing schools, universities, seminaries attended and degrees or diplomas received or in progress (please include an estimated completion date).

School or University	Location	Dates Attended	Degrees, Diplomas & Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Please request one transcript from each of the above institutions and arrange to have them sent directly to the Admissions Office at Vancouver School of Theology. All transcripts must arrive sealed by the sending institution.

## Languages

Please indicate what language study, if any, you have completed

Language	How was competency gained?	When?	To what level?
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## Vocational Background

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(including relevant volunteer experience; if additional space is required please attach a separate sheet or submit a resume or CV)

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have undertaken any specialized or professional training, please indicate below:

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If you are recognized by denomination as a candidate for ordained ministry or are in the process of seeking such recognition, please give the name and body of your denomination responsible for your ordination process and indicate you current status:

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## References

Three reference letters are required from persons familiar with your academic abilities. For applicants to the MDiv Program, one letter of the three should come from an individual familiar with their suitability for public and/or pastoral leadership. For the IIS Programs, one letter should come from an elder within the community. All letters must be sent directly to the Admissions Office by mail or email scan to [mtrim@vst.edu](mailto:mtrim@vst.edu). A copy of the Reference Form is attached.

Name	Phone Number	Occupation	Relationship
_____	_____	_____	_____
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## Financing and Budget Plan

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This plan should provide an overall stratagem for how you intend to fund your theological education, indicating the percentage of your total expenses (tuition and living expenses) you intend to cover from savings, employment income, government student loans, other outside sources, and tuition bursaries from VST

Savings \_\_\_\_\_%      Employment Income \_\_\_\_\_%      VST Financial Aid \_\_\_\_\_%  
Family \_\_\_\_\_%      Government Loans \_\_\_\_\_%      Other sources \_\_\_\_\_%: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate \$6-\$8000 for full-time tuition, PLUS \$12-\$16,000 for school supplies, food, accommodation and other expenses per academic year at VST. For more information about budgeting, see the financial aid application on the VST financial aid webpage.

## Non Native English Speakers

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Applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence that they can read, write and speak in English at a graduate level. An internet based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International Language Testing System (IELTS) must be completed and provided with the student's Application for Admission.

## Program Specific Requirements

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### 1. DipTS, DipDenom, MDiv, MATS, and MA-PPL, MA-IIS Applicants

#### i. Personal Statement (1000 words in total, typed, and double spaced)

- Please answer the following questions:

- a. Describe briefly your educational and/or vocational goals. What and who have been the formative influences on your faith and/or life that led you to pursue these goals?
- b. What is your reason for applying to Vancouver School of Theology in particular?

#### ii. Theological Reflection (1500 words in total, typed, and double spaced)

- Referring to at least one theologian of significance in your journey, reflect on the following:

- a. Select what you understand to be one of today's most critical issues and reflect on it in terms of your own theological/religious/cultural/philosophical expression.
- b. How have your faith/religious/cultural/philosophical expression and life been affected by the pluralistic (e.g. class, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation) nature of today's world?

#### iii. Both requirements may be submitted orally in a digitally recording format.

### 2. GDTS, ThM Applicants

#### i. Academic Paper (5000 - 7000 words total, typed, and double spaced)

- Please submit with your application, an academic paper previously written for some other program. This paper can be returned to you upon written request.

or

- A digital recording (audio or visual) by the applicant demonstrating academic competence.

#### ii. Proposed Area of Study

- Please provide a 250 word statement indicating the area you wish to study and interest in the program

## Communications

How did you hear about VST? Please check all relevant options and provide some further information in the space provided.

- Website
- Poster (Location): \_\_\_\_\_
- Church (Denomination/Faith Expression): \_\_\_\_\_
- Word of Mouth (From whom?): \_\_\_\_\_
- Print Media (newspapers, magazines, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_
- Email List

## Application Fees

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Please note that there is a \$75.00 application fee which needs to be paid before your application will be considered for admission. Cheques are payable to: Vancouver School of Theology.

## Applicant's Statement

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If accepted to Vancouver School of Theology, I intend to be a responsible and participating member of the VST community, abide by the policies of the School, and pay all tuition and fees applicable to my program of study.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Freedom of information and protection of privacy

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Your personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Vancouver School of Theology Act (1992) and is needed to process your application. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the Privacy Office at 604-822-9504. All information is held in confidentiality.



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