



Center for Hispanic Studies

CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS

The mission of the Center for Hispanic Studies of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, is to form Lutheran pastors and deaconesses to make Jesus Christ known in US Hispanic communities.

Requirements for Admission

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1. Admissions Form - Bilingual

- Since the form is in a bilingual format, the student may fill out the form in Spanish, English, or both languages. The form needs to be filled out completely.
- In the event a Social Security number is not available, this may be an indication that the applicant is in the process of getting his/her legal residence and has not been issued a number yet. A Tax I.D. number is also useful if no SS number has been issued.
- A recent photograph is necessary. It can be digital.
- The form needs to be signed.

2. Admission Fee

Payment of \$50.00 to Concordia Seminary—Admissions fee (check or money order). This is non-refundable.

3. Completion of Pre-Seminary Courses

Proof of completion of the following courses: Old Testament, New Testament, and Christian Doctrine.

4. Letter of Recommendation – Pastor

The pastor of the applicant must write a letter of recommendation, indicating good standing in the congregation/mission where the applicant is a member.

5. Interview with the District President of the Student (or someone designated by the President)

Interview to determine interest of applicant in the vocation of the pastoral ministry.

6. Letter of Recommendation – District President of the Student

The purpose of the letter is to receive the endorsement of the DP and involve him in the student's admissions process, determination of financial aid available from the District, and advanced thinking concerning placement upon completion of the four-year program.

7. A “Partnership Covenant”

This document needs to be carefully read, completed, and signed by:

- a) the seminarian,
- b) his/her supervisor,
- c) his/her congregation,
- d) the District,
- e) and any other sponsoring institution (e.g., mission society)

...showing commitment to financial support the four-year theological certification program.

This covenant, which establishes shared commitments, must be sent to the Seminary with your application for admission. This partnership agreement allows students an opportunity to commit to their studies before others and allows their congregations, Districts, and other partners to commit to supporting them through prayer, mentoring, and financial contributions.

Please note that Concordia Seminary, beginning with the 2015-2016 Application process is guaranteeing a 25% tuition assistance to students accepted into the CHS program.

8. Background Check Authorization

Permission to carry out a “Protect My Ministry” background check (required by law for all Seminary students). The form needs to be completely filled out and signed. To expedite the process, a photocopy of the applicant's Drivers License can be included.

9. Transcript(s)

Official transcript(s) of High School diploma and/or undergraduate credit(s) from all colleges/universities attended in the U.S. and/or Latin America.

Please note: Please send all nine (9) completed and signed items in one envelop from the District office to Concordia Seminary's Admissions office. Thank you.

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CHECKLIST

Applicant: _____

Date sent to Concordia Seminary's Admissions office: _____

Date received by Concordia Seminary's Admissions office: _____

- _____ **1. Admissions form – everything filled out, written responses, picture, and signature.**
- _____ **2. Admission fee - \$50.00 – must be included with the application**
- _____ **3. Written verification of applicant's successful completion of Old Testament course, New Testament course, and Lutheran Doctrine course.**
- _____ **4. Letter of recommendation – pastor of the applicant**
- _____ **5. Interview with the District President of the applicant (or someone designated by the President)**
- _____ **6. Letter of recommendation – District President of the applicant**
- _____ **7. A "Partnership Covenant" – filled out and signed by all parties involved**
- _____ **8. Background Check authorization – completely filled out and signed**
- _____ **9. Transcripts for high school and any undergraduate studies**

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