



**BOSTON
COLLEGE**

**SCHOOL OF
THEOLOGY
& MINISTRY**

APPLICATION

2009 – 2010

Prospective students applying to the programs below should apply via the Web site for the Lynch School of Education at www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/gradadmission/home.html.

MEd Educational Administration and Pastoral Ministry

MA Higher Education Administration, Catholic University Leadership Concentration

All **dual degree** applicants should apply for the MA in Pastoral Ministry through the School of Theology and Ministry; however, they must also apply to the other graduate school at Boston College

MA/MSW (Pastoral Ministry/Social Work)

Applicants should also contact the Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW) at www.bc.edu/gssw

MA/MA (Pastoral Ministry/Counseling Psychology)

Applicants should also contact the Lynch School of Education (LSOE) at www.bc.edu/lsoe

MA/MS (Pastoral Ministry/Nursing)

Applicants should also contact the Connell School of Nursing (CSON) at www.bc.edu/cson

MA/MBA (Pastoral Ministry/Management)

Applicants should also contact the Carroll School of Management (CSOM) at www.bc.edu/csom

If you are applying to the BA/MA or the BA/MEd you must be a current Boston College undergraduate student.

Boston College
School of Theology and Ministry
140 Commonwealth Avenue
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467-3800

Personal Information

Social security number: [][][][][][][][][] Date of Birth: [][][][][][][][] MM DD YYYY

Legal name: LAST FIRST M.I. SUFFIX [] Male [] Female

Current address/ best mailing address until: _____

NO. & STREET CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP COUNTRY

Permanent address (If not a U.S. Citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident, this must be an international address):

NO. & STREET CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP COUNTRY

Current telephone: Permanent telephone:

E-mail address: Cellular telephone:

Occupation: _____

Citizenship Information

- [] U.S. Citizen [] U.S. Permanent Resident [] If not a U.S. Citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident, please answer the following:

Country of citizenship: Country of birth:

Country of citizenship (if dual citizenship): City of birth:

If you are currently living in the U.S., what is your current visa status?:

If you have dual citizenship, which passport will you be traveling under?:

Applicant Information

Intended Entrance Date: [] Summer 2009 [] Fall 2009 [] Spring 2010

- Degree: [] BA/MA [] BA/MEd [] MA in Pastoral Ministry [] MEd in Religious Education [] CAES [] PhD [] MDiv [] MTS [] MA in Spiritual Direction [] ThM [] STL [] STD

- Joint/Dual Degree: [] MA/MSW [] MA/MS [] MA/MA [] MA/MBA [] MEd Educational Administration and Pastoral Ministry [] MA Higher Education Administration, Catholic University Leadership Concentration Certificate: [] Post-Masters Certificate in the Practice of Spirituality [] Certificate in Pastoral Ministry [] Hispanic Ministry Certificate

- Non-Degree: [] Special Student [] Auditor [] Minister-in-the-Vicinity [] Sabbatical If you are applying to a Doctoral Program and are not admitted, do you wish to be considered for the Master's Degree in the same field?: [] Yes [] No

Ethnic Background for U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents Only

This information will help Boston College demonstrate its compliance with state and federal laws against discrimination. Any information supplied will be kept confidential. Refusal to provide the information requested will not subject you to any adverse treatment.

Race: Black, not of Hispanic Origin American Indian or Alaskan Native White, not of Hispanic Origin
 Asian or Pacific Islander Hispanic Other

Admission Test Scores and Languages

Please self-report your admission test scores (if applicable; see program descriptions). Please note, official scores must be requested from ETS and sent directly to Boston College.

	DATE TAKEN (OR PLANNED)	SCORE		
		VERBAL	QUANTITATIVE	ANALYTIC
GRE				
Subject Test				
TOEFL			Type <input type="checkbox"/> Paper <input type="checkbox"/> PC <input type="checkbox"/> Internet	

Native language: _____ Rate any other language proficiencies in the table below as good, fair or poor:

LANGUAGE	READING	WRITING	SPEAKING

Education Information

Please list, in chronological order, all colleges, universities and professional schools you have attended. Non-U.S. citizens should list all secondary schools as well as institutions of higher education (attach additional sheet if necessary).

Colleges and Universities attended:

INSTITUTION	LOCATION	MAJOR FIELD	DATES FROM/TO	DEGREE RECEIVED	GPA	DATE AWARDED/EXPECTED

Cumulative undergraduate grade point average: _____

GPA in major (if known): _____

Professional, business, research and teaching positions pertinent to current graduate aspirations:

INSTITUTION/COMPANY	LOCATION	POSITION/TITLE	DATES EMPLOYED

Names of persons who will submit letters of recommendation for you (preferably professors from your major department):

NAME	TITLE	E-MAIL ADDRESS

Academic awards, honors, scholarships received (attach additional list if necessary): _____

Publications (attach additional list if necessary): _____

Research Interests (briefly describe your research interests; attach additional list if necessary): _____

Please list all other graduate and professional schools to which you are applying (this information will not prejudice admission): _____

Philosophy/Theology Previous Coursework (Previous semester credit hours completed)

Philosophy: Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____

Theology: Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____

Religious Background and Status

Religious Denomination _____

Religious Status

Lay

Member of religious order

Ordained

Deacon

Priest Diocese/Order

Protestant Clergy

Other _____

For Priests, Deacons, and Religious Only

Please complete the section below if you are a member of a religious order or congregation or a diocesan priest or deacon:

Order/Congregation (full name)

Standard Initials of Order

Province/Diocese

Years of Membership

Name of your major superior or bishop

Address of superior or bishop

City

State

Zip

Country

Telephone

Do you intend your enrollment in STM to be preparation for ordination? Yes No

If yes, four years of theological studies are required in preparation for ordination to the presbyterate.

Please indicate which of the options described below you intend to pursue:

MDiv with enhancements (eight additional graduate courses)

MDiv and ThM

MDiv and STL

I hereby certify that the information in this Application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Instructions for Statement of Purpose

Personal Statement for MA in Pastoral Ministry, MEd, BA/MA, BA/MEd, CAES, PhD, Certificates and Joint/Dual Degree Programs

Compose a statement of approximately 1000 words (approximately 3–4 typewritten, double-spaced pages) addressing the following themes:

1. What has been the professional and personal development that motivates you to apply for this particular program at this time? Include a sketch of your experience in ministry and/or religious education, any other relevant professional and volunteer experience, as well as your educational background and interests.
2. What are your own future ministerial hopes and expectations, and how do you see this program helping you to achieve those goals?

Additional instructions for MA concentration in Spiritual Formation and Post-Master's Certificate in the Practice of Spirituality Applicants only

In addition to the above questions, please address the following:

1. Have you had an experience of spiritual direction? How would you describe the value of that experience?
2. What is your understanding of spirituality?

Personal Statement for MDiv, MTS, MA and ThM applicants (MTS applicants are required to respond only to 1, 3, and 5)

Compose a statement of approximately 1000 words addressing the following themes:

1. family background
2. how you understand ministry in the context of the Church's mission
3. how you plan to apply your theological education
4. given your experience, how you assess your principal strengths for ministry as well as your areas of needed development; and
5. why you are applying to STM

(For MTS applicants only) Check one and explain why you are selecting that option:

- Theological Development Pre-doctoral Catholic Education Integrating Theology and Profession

Essay for STL

Compose an essay of approximately 1000 words addressing the following questions:

1. why you would like an ecclesiastical degree from the Ecclesiastical Faculty at Boston College
2. how your previous academic training and pastoral experience have prepared you to complete the STL
3. how you plan to apply your STL to your future work; and
4. which theological themes you intend to address in your STL Thesis and with which professors you would like to work (if known)

STD Letter of Intent

Compose an essay of approximately 1000 words addressing the following questions:

1. discuss the area (Systematic Theology, Ethics, Word and Worship, Missiology, the Christian Spiritual Tradition) and the field (Christology, Ecclesiology, Patristics) you wish to study
2. faculty member(s) with whom you would like to work
3. how you will apply your STD in future ministry
4. why you would like an ecclesiastical degree from the Ecclesiastical Faculty at Boston College
5. how your previous pastoral and academic experience prepared you for the STD

Personal statement for Special Student, Auditor, Minister-in-the-Vicinity and Sabbatical applicants

1. Submit a 2-paragraph statement explaining why you wish to enroll at the School of Theology and Ministry and what you would like to study

Financial Aid: Please Check All Applicable Categories *International Applicants or STL/STD candidates cannot apply for Federal Loans.

- I plan to apply for STM Financial Assistance and Federal Loans.
- I plan to apply for Federal Loans only.
- I plan to apply for STM Financial Assistance only.
- I do not plan to apply for Federal Loans or for STM Financial Assistance.

Summation of All Materials Required by the Admissions Committee

1. Completed application form
2. Personal Statement or Essay
3. Resume or Curriculum Vitae
4. Official Transcripts from all post-secondary schools
5. Completed and signed recommendation forms
(Two completed and signed recommendation forms if applicant to MA in Pastoral Ministry, MEd, BA/MA, BA/MEd, CAES, Certificates, and Joint/Dual Degree Programs)
(Three completed and signed recommendation forms if applicant to MTS, MDiv, ThM, STL, STD, MA in Spiritual Direction and PhD)
6. GRE scores if required. See program description for information
7. TOEFL scores are required for students from non-English speaking countries
8. Application fee of \$70 – Jesuits, current Boston College Undergraduates and current Jesuit Volunteers are exempt.
9. Letter from Bishop or Superior if priest/religious and applicant to MTS, MDiv, ThM, STL, STD, MA in Spiritual Direction

Application Deadlines

January 15 for PhD program

February 15 for Summer and Fall enrollment

November 15 for Spring enrollment

Personal Information

Social security number: [] [] [] - [] [] [] [] [] [] []

Legal name: _____

LAST FIRST M.I.

Address: _____

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Home telephone: _____ Work telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____ Cellular telephone: _____

For more information regarding options and programs, see the Courses and Programs Detail booklet.

Degree Program:

- MA in Pastoral Ministry
 MEd in Religious Ed.
 BA/MA
 BA/MEd
 CAES
 PhD

If MEd in Religious Education Program,

indicate concentration:

- Without a Concentration
 Catholic School Leadership
 School Religion Teaching
 Total Community Catechesis
 Interreligious Understanding

If MA in Pastoral Ministry Program,

indicate concentration:

- Without a Concentration
 Pastoral Care
 Spirituality and Justice
 Liturgy and Worship
 Religious Education
 Spiritual Formation
 Youth and Young Adult Faith
 Hispanic Ministry
 Church Management
 Health Care Ministry

Dual Degree Program:

MA/MSW

- Option A Beginning with GSSW
 Option B Beginning with IREPM

MA/MS

- Option A Beginning with CSON
 Option B Beginning with IREPM

MA/MA

- Option A Beginning with LSOE Spirituality Concentration
 Option B Beginning with IREPM Pastoral Care Concentration

MA/MBA

- Option A Option C
 Option B Option D

If Certificate, indicate program:

- Post-Master's Certificate in the Practice of Spirituality
 Hispanic Ministry Certificate
 Pastoral Ministry Certificate

Anticipated Entrance Date: _____ Anticipated Completion Date: _____

- Anticipated Terms of Study: Summers Only Academic Year Only Both Summer and Academic Year
 Full-time Part-time

Have you ever been suspended from ministry for any reason? Yes No

If yes, it is required that you submit with this application a letter of endorsement from the proper ecclesiastical authority, reflecting his/her knowledge of and endorsement of your enrollment in a graduate degree program that prepares people for ministry in the church.

To be completed by the applicant

Social security number: - -

Date of Birth: - -
MM DD YYYY

Legal name: _____ Male Female
LAST FIRST M.I. SUFFIX

Program to which you are applying: _____

To be read by applicant and recommender

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students enrolled at Boston College have access to their admission records, including letters of recommendation. However, students may waive their right to see letters of recommendation, whereupon such letters will be held in confidence. If the applicant has not signed a waiver, it is assumed that this letter is submitted with the recommender's understanding that the applicant, once registered at Boston College, may request to see the letter. The alternative selected will not affect consideration of the application for admission.

I have retained my right of access to this recommendation. I have waived my right of access to this recommendation.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

To be completed by the recommender

1. Please rate the applicant in comparison with other students known to you who have applied for admission to graduate schools.

	Above Average			Average			Below Average		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Intellectual Ability									
Breadth of General Knowledge									
Ability in Oral Expression									
Ability in Written Expression									
Perseverance									
Imagination and Probable Creativity									
Potential as a Teacher									
Motivation for Proposed Program of Study									

2. Please give the applicant's relative standing in your department, e.g., 7th of 89, top 5%, etc.: _____

3. How do you rate the applicant in overall ability and promise in comparison with other students at the same level of training?

Questionable whether admission to further study is warranted. Qualifications marginal, but warrants consideration.
 Performance should be up to average of most graduate students. Will perform at a superior level wherever admitted.
 Equal to the best in any department. Not able to judge.

