

Covenant Bible College & Theological Seminary

Conferment of Life Experience Doctoral Degree

Dear Applicant,

You have been recommended to receive a Life Experience Doctoral Degree. In order for us to complete this process, you are required to complete an application. This application is to be submitted with a **non-refundable \$100.00 fee**, payable by money order or cashier's check only. Your application will be processed and reviewed by the application and screening committee. Upon approval of your application \$75.00 of the application fee will be applied toward your Doctorate Degree and \$25.00 will be retained towards administrative fees. We will also need three (3) references provided with names, addresses and phone numbers.

Your signature is required on this portion of the application, indicating that you fully understand the statement above. Please provide us with at least two dates for your conferment service.

Printed name of applicant: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date for conferment: _____

2nd date for conferment: _____

Recommended by: **CBCS-Web Referral**

Printed name of Recruiter: _____

Signature of Recruiter: _____

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Application received on: _____

Form of payment: _____

Received by: _____

Screening Committee Review on: _____

Approved: _____ Rejected: _____

Applicant contacted by: _____ Date: _____

Scheduled date for conferment service: _____

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Application for Conferment of Doctorate Degree

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Years at present address: _____

Phone Number (include area code): _____

Alternate Phone (include area code): _____

Email Address: _____

Personal Status

Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Divorced

Spouse's Name: _____

Date of Marriage: _____ Years Married: _____

Years in Ministry: _____

Ministry Status: _____

Church Relationship

Name of local church: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Are you Licensed? _____

Are you Ordained? _____

Do you hold Evangelist License? _____

Do you hold Episcopal Consecration? _____

Academic Background

Name of High School: _____

Address of High School: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

College Education: _____

Degree Received: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

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Biographical Facts about the Applicant

These questions are provided to assist you in presenting yourself to the Screening Committee. You may choose to submit your own statement covering all of these areas.

Life Story

In 500 words or less (you may attach a narrative [not a list]) describing the following areas:

1. What does a person do in order to receive eternal life?
2. Since you have received salvation, who are the people that have influenced you significantly?
3. Tell us about your turning points in your spiritual journey.
4. Tell us about your family.

Ministry Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to help us get to know you – your vision for ministry, your successes and struggles, and your perspective on various theological and biblical issues. This questionnaire will also help keep us in tune with ministry issues that relate to you and provide us with a sample of your writing skills. Feel free to use a Bible. Make sure you answer all questions as completely and accurately as possible using an attached typed page(s) for your response.

1. What has your ministerial experience included? (List the years you served in each ministry)
2. What are your indications of growth in your ministry?
3. What is your philosophy of ministry?
4. What are your future ministry plans?
5. Why are you interested in the Life Experience Doctoral Degree Program?
6. What area of theology represents your greatest interest right now? How are you pursuing it? And, how are you integrating it into your ministry?
7. What doctrinal issue most impacts (positively or negatively) your ministry, and how does it do so?
8. What biblical model or approach have you found to be successful in conflict resolution and why?
9. What is the number one problem you face in ministry? Discuss how the Scriptures address the problem.
10. What books have you read in the last year, and what journals and magazines do you read regularly?
11. What conferences, seminars or videos have significantly influenced your thinking?

Theological/Doctrinal Questionnaire

All Candidates shall be required to submit a Thesis/Dissertation detailing the following:

1. The Candidate's Christian Experience
2. The Candidate's Calling to the Ministry
3. The Candidate's Qualifications for Ordination
4. The Candidate's Educational Background
5. The Candidate's personal views of the following Biblical Doctrines:

God

Christ

The Holy Ghost

The Holy Bible

Baptism
Holy Communion
Salvation
Sanctification/Holiness
Justification
Baptism in the Holy Ghost
Eschatology (Last Things)
Ministerial Offices and Functions:

- *Apostle*
- *Prophet*
- *Evangelist*
- *Pastor*
- *Teacher*
- *Presbyter/Priest*
- *Bishop*
- *Deacon*

Said Thesis/Dissertation is to be type written and bound either in coil binding or in binders. A minimum of five (5) copies of the Thesis/Dissertation is to be submitted, and will become the grounds of the qualification of the Candidate's conferral.

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Life Experience Doctoral Degree

Covenant Bible College & Theological Seminary accepts persons of any race, gender, color and national or ethnic origin and does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, color, national or ethnic origin or physical disability in the administration of any of our programs or activities. The Seminary welcomes applications persons of any church affiliation provided they meet the entrance requirements and submit references.

All applicants are required to interview with the Screening Committee and have personal references available prior to being accepted. There is a **non-refundable \$100.00 application fee** due upon submission of the application. While we desire to maintain flexibility in our Life Experience Degree Programs, we will not compromise the integrity of its purpose and the Statement of Faith by conferring degrees upon persons whose orientation may be disruptive or unbiblical.

Bachelors Degree: to qualify for a Bachelors Degree via Life Experience (previous work, education and professional experience), the applicant must have at least four (4) years of work or life experience relevant to ministry; Have a history of effective ministry; exhibit the ability to work, act and think in new ways; and, exhibit the ability to work and learn collaboratively with others.

Masters Degree: to qualify for a Masters Degree via Life Experience (previous work, education and professional experience), the applicant must have at least six (6) years of work or life experience relevant to ministry; Have a history of effective ministry; exhibit the ability to work, act and think in new ways; and, exhibit the ability to work and learn collaboratively with others.

Doctoral Degree: to qualify for a Doctoral Degree via Life Experience (previous work, education and professional experience), the applicant must have at least ten (10) years of work or life experience relevant to ministry; Have a history of effective ministry; exhibit the ability to work, act and think in new ways; and, exhibit the ability to work and learn collaboratively with others.

Dual Degree Program

Covenant Bible College & Theological Seminary offers those who qualify and meet the stringent requirements of our Screening Committee the opportunity to earn dual degrees. While the Seminary maintains strict policies in the conferral of Life Experience Degrees, we maintain that those who have proven capabilities and commitment to service may apply for either a dual Bachelors/Masters Degree, or a dual Masters/Doctorate Degree.

Bachelors/Masters: to qualify for a dual Bachelors/Masters Degree via Life Experience (previous work, education and professional experience), the applicant must have at least ten (10) years of work or life experience relevant to ministry; Have a history of effective ministry; exhibit the ability to work, act and think in new ways; and, exhibit the ability to work and learn collaboratively with others.

Masters/Doctorate: to qualify for a dual Masters/Doctorate Degree via Life Experience (previous work, education and professional experience), the applicant must have at least fifteen (15) years of work or life experience relevant to ministry; Have a history of effective ministry; exhibit the ability to work, act and think in new ways; and, exhibit the ability to work and learn collaboratively with others.

Bachelors Degrees Available

Bachelor of Biblical Studies
Bachelor of Christian Education
Bachelor of Church Administration
Bachelor of Divinity

Bachelor of Ministry
Bachelor of Pastoral Ministry
Bachelor of Religious Education
Bachelor of Theology

Masters Degrees Available

Master of Christian Education
Master of Church Administration
*Master of Divinity
Master of Ministry

Master of Pastoral Counseling
Master of Pastoral Ministry
Master of Religious Education
Master of Theology

**Indicates that eight (8) years of work, life or professional experience required*

Doctoral Degrees Available

Doctorate of Canon Law
Doctorate of Christian Education
Doctorate of Divinity
Doctorate of Humanities
Doctorate of Letters
Doctorate of Ministry

Doctorate of Pastoral Counseling
Doctorate of Pastoral Ministry
Doctorate of Religious Education
Doctorate of Religious History
Doctorate of Theology
Jurist Doctorate Theologian

Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degrees Available

Doctorate of Philosophy in Canon Law
Doctorate of Philosophy in Christian Counseling
Doctorate of Philosophy in Christian Education
Doctorate of Philosophy in Christian History
Doctorate of Philosophy in Divinity
Doctorate of Philosophy in Pastoral Counseling

Doctorate of Philosophy in Ministry
Doctorate of Philosophy in Pastoral Ministry
Doctorate of Philosophy in Religious Education
Doctorate of Philosophy in Religious History
Doctorate of Philosophy in Sacred Theology
Doctorate of Philosophy in Theology

Degree package includes:

- 1 Original Accredited Degree
- 2 Original (Official) Transcripts
- 1 Award of Excellence
- 1 Certificate of Distinction
- 1 Certificate of Membership (Covenant Bible College & Theological Seminary Alumni Association)
- 4 Education Verification Letters

Life Experience is described as any one or more of the following:

- ❖ Prior job experience in any field
- ❖ Military training
- ❖ Previous educational achievements
- ❖ Employer-sponsored training and attendance of workshops
- ❖ Participation in organizations (both professional and non-professional)
- ❖ Personal goals, lifestyle, hobbies, and traveling
- ❖ Participation in volunteer activities and community service
- ❖ Independent reading, viewing, listening, or writing

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This section is to be completed by the reference.

Be sure to submit three (3) references. Thank you.

Applicant's Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone (area code and number): _____

Alternate Phone (area code and number): _____

Email Address: _____

How long have you know the applicant? _____

Have you been the applicant's:

Teacher Pastor Friend Employer Advisor

Other: _____

The individual named above has given your name as a reference in applying for entrance into our Seminary's Degree Program. We rely upon people like you to help us accurately appraise our incoming students. We appreciate your honest estimate of this applicant's personality and character traits, and will handle your reply strictly confidential. This includes identifying positive or negative situations, which will help us evaluate the applicant's ministry effectiveness.

Each applicant for admission must submit a recommendation from the chairperson of the board or other executive of the organization in which the applicant served. Serious consideration is given to this recommendation, and therefore we request that you complete the form carefully and candidly and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap.

1) How well do you know the applicant?

2) Please give whatever information you can regarding the applicant's family life.

3) Please give whatever information you can regarding the applicant's business life.

4) Does the applicant relate well with others?

5) What do you consider the applicant's strongest talents and abilities?

6) What do you consider the applicant's weakest points?

7) Have you observed weakness in the applicant's moral life? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

8) Please rate the candidate by circling the appropriate response for each of the qualities below. If you wish, describe briefly and concretely specific instances that support or interpret your judgment. Do not circle items of which you feel uncertain, or that you have no opportunity to observe.

1 = Below Average 2 = Average 3 = Above Average 4 = Strong 5 = Exceptional

- Spiritual life 1 2 3 4 5
- Initiative 1 2 3 4 5
- Industry 1 2 3 4 5
- Follow-through 1 2 3 4 5
- Influence on others 1 2 3 4 5
- Acceptance by others 1 2 3 4 5
- Responsibility 1 2 3 4 5
- Leadership 1 2 3 4 5
- Humility 1 2 3 4 5
- Ability to communicate 1 2 3 4 5
- Personal organization 1 2 3 4 5
- Emotional qualities 1 2 3 4 5
- Personal appearance 1 2 3 4 5
- Overall evaluation 1 2 3 4 5

9) Additional comments:

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Interviewed by: _____

Comments: _____
