Application to Cohort Certificate Programs
Spiritual Direction

NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Personal Information
(Please type or print)

Name _____
First *Middle* *Last*

☐ Female ☐ Male

Social Security *(Required for US Citizens and permanent residents. Oher students enter: 999-99-9999)* _____

Permanent Address: _____

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Mailing Address: _____

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Daytime phone _____ Evening phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Citizenship _____

Ethnicity and Race

Do you wish to be identified as Hispanic/Latino? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Regardless of your answer to the previous question, if you wish to be identified with a particular group, please check one or more of the following:

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White

Church Information

Church Background and Denomination _____

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Church membership (please list name, city and state) _____

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Current Church Involvement: Briefly describe your church involvement (e.g. teaching, leadership, care-giving) _____

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Work History

(begin with most recent work experience)

Company	Supervisor	Dates	Job Title	Responsibilities

Academic Information

Please request official transcripts to be sent from all post-high school educational institutions directly to NPTS.

List below all post-high school institutions attended:

Name of school	State/Country	Dates Attended	Degree	Diploma date, if awarded

Note: If you did not earn a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution with at least a 2.50 g.p.a., then you must also submit (1) a research paper of at least five pages in length on a biblical or theological topic, and (2) a letter explaining why it is not feasible to complete an undergraduate degree. Please contact the Seminary Admission Office for more information.

Essays

For spiritual direction students only:

1. Please write and attach a short essay (no more than 2 pages total) that includes answers to the following questions with headings for each section.
   a. Describe your sense of call into the ministry of spiritual direction.
   b. Describe your personal experience receiving spiritual direction. Do you currently have a spiritual director, if so, where was he/she trained?
   c. Explain your personal experience with discernment. How do you hear God, make a decision, and implement that decision?
   d. How would you honestly assess your current assets and developmental needs relevant to spiritual direction?
   e. With whom, and where, do you expect to use your learning?
   f. What attracts you to North Park Theological Seminary's program?
2. Please include a bibliography of the readings you have done related to the ministry of spiritual direction.
3. Please answer each of the following questions in short paragraph form (no more than 2 pages total).
   a. Please describe your conversion, and the key influences in your life.
   b. Describe your experiences of people seeking you out for prayer, counsel, and support.
   c. How will this program fit in with your commitments and obligations?
   d. What leisure and recreational activities do you enjoy?

References

Please give Personal Reference forms to two non-family members who you would trust to know your gifts, work, and potential in your particular field of ministry. The reference forms should be emailed to semadmissions@northpark.edu or mailed by the person completing the form, for confidentiality purposes.

Application Checklist

- ☐ Complete the application and send it with your resume, two essays and bibliography as email attachments or by mail to the address below.
- ☐ Pay the $25 application fee via check (made out to North Park Theological Seminary) or phone with a credit card to the number below.
- ☐ Request an official academic transcript from all post-high school accredited institutions attended, to be sent directly to North Park.
- ☐ Distribute Personal Reference forms and request that completed forms be emailed directly to North Park Theological Seminary.

I hereby make application for admission into North Park Theological Seminary and promise to abide by the regulations of the institution and to promote its best interests. I certify that to the best of my knowledge all answers given in this application are accurate and truthful. I understand that as the seminary of the Evangelical Covenant Church, North Park Theological Seminary prepares both women and men for pastoral and lay leadership in the church.

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Signature *Date*

Please email all materials to semadmissions@northpark.edu or mail to: North Park Theological Seminary Admissions, Box 40, 3225 West Foster Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625-9972.