



Sancta Sophia Seminary

Application for Admission

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Welcome to an academic transformational program combining home study, on-line learning, and on-campus residency. We are pleased to provide to our students the preparation for ministry and service to the Holy Spirit.

Legal Name (last, first, middle): _____

Preferred Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Current Phone: h c w _____ h c w _____

Current email: _____

Family Member or someone who can always contact you: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Your Present Goal

To which program are you applying?

- Master of Divinity (MDiv) Certificate of Spiritual Studies Certificate of Ministerial Studies
 Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Credential as Esoteric Teacher Personal Growth

The following information has no bearing on admission decisions:

Date of birth: ___/___/___ time _____ City _____ County _____ State _____

Gender _____ Racial/ethnic identity (optional) _____ Citizenship _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No Yes (If yes, please explain on a separate page or pages.)

Local church membership or other religious affiliation (if any) _____

Previous Education:

Please list the educational institutions where you have attended beginning with the most recent listed first. Official transcripts, as you are able to provide them, will be most helpful.

Institution	Dates attended	Major(s)	Degrees	Date Awarded
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

If your scholastic record is not a fair indication of your ability, please attach a statement and explanation.

Training, Certifications, and spiritual teachers with whom you have studied:

Title	Instructor/Institute	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

References:

Please supply the contact information for three references who may be contacted by the seminary Dean. Referrers could include a pastor, teacher, employer, supervisor, or anyone other than a family member who knows you well. Referrers should be able to address your academic ability as well as your spiritual growth and personal character.

1. Name/title _____
Phone _____ Email _____
2. Name/title _____
Phone _____ Email _____
3. Name/title _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Personal Statement for Application

Please answer all of the following questions in a maximum of six pages. Your statement must be typed, double-spaced, and include your name and the date.

1. What are your vocational and professional goals? How will this program support these goals?
2. What and who have been the formative faith and life influences that led you to pursue these goals?
3. How have your faith, life, and worldview been affected by the pluralistic nature of today's world (e.g. class, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, etc.)?
4. Select what you understand to be one of today's most critical social issues and reflect on it in terms of your own spiritual perspective.
5. Describe your leadership experience and/or your capacity for leadership. Have you had experiences in which you have helped people work together toward a common goal?
6. What is your reason for applying to Sancta Sophia Seminary in particular?
7. How will serious academic and experiential study support your preparation for service?

How did you learn about SSS? (check all that apply)

- SSS Web site Print material Expo/conference
 Friend/acquaintance SSS Alumna/us or Minister SSS Faculty/student

Name of person selected above _____

I understand that all materials submitted in conjunction with my application are the property of Sancta Sophia Seminary and will not be returned. I understand that my application materials will be kept on file for one year, after which time all materials will be purged. I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete. I understand that as a spiritual student seeking to live in higher consciousness, providing inaccurate or misleading information will be cause for disqualification from further consideration for admission or for further action at the discretion of Sancta Sophia Seminary.

Signature _____ Date _____

The application process has two distinct phases: written and interview.

Please send the following to Sancta Sophia Seminary, 11 Summit Ridge Dr. Tahlequah, OK 74464:

1. Completed application form and Personal Statement
2. Contact information for three references
3. Recent photo of yourself
4. Copy of your astrological chart (or \$5 to obtain one). If you do not know the time of your birth, call the Dept. of Vital Statistics in the state capitol where you were born.
5. Non-refundable check in the amount of **\$75** made payable to Sancta Sophia Seminary

Upon review of all your application materials a personal interview will be scheduled.

Equipping Students for Transformational Ministry

Our educational focus is on personal growth, transformation, and equipping students for service to the Divine. We provide the supportive environment for this process through a mentoring plan, independent study, and classroom setting. This learning plan encourages the practice of self-discipline and adherence to the high principles we study while also developing the principles of group work for the new era. Our curriculum offers courses which engage both the inner spirit/heart and the analytical thinking mind. As students move through this blend of study, meditation, class interactions and assignments their self-awareness and call to service develop. Students also deepen their personal connection to the Divine, their own inner guidance, and their relationship to others.

Several paths are available in our educational process:

- ***Personal Growth and Transformation*** is an experiential program designed to further assist the candidate in self-understanding and awareness of the larger spiritual plan. Upon enrollment and beginning of monthly tuition payments, participants are assigned a personal spiritual mentor and may then audit classes as suits their schedule and interests.
- ***Certificate of Spiritual Studies (CSS)*** is awarded to students upon completion of the basic courses core to the spiritual teachings and theology of Sancta Sophia Seminary. As the entry to the universal teachings from ancient wisdom sources, this curriculum is the foundation of all continued studies at the seminary. When this study is completed the student may apply for Practitioner Certification (Lay Minister) from Light of Christ Community Church.
- ***Certificate in Ministerial Studies (CMS)*** is awarded to students upon completion of additional courses related to pastoral ministry. Students develop greater skills in spiritual disciplines, sacraments, leadership, pastoral care, and spiritual healing. When this study is completed, the student may apply for Ordination as Minister in Light of Christ Community Church.
- ***Credential of Esoteric Teachings (CET)*** is awarded to students who fulfill the required courses outlined for a Certificate in Ministerial Studies with the exception of rituals, liturgy, and homiletics. Additional courses in teaching and leadership are also required for this diploma.
- ***Master of Divinity (MDiv)*** is awarded students who complete 88 credit units of study plus a practicum. Sancta Sophia's Master of Divinity uniquely prepares graduates to minister in chaplain roles in hospital or hospice type settings. A Master of Divinity is the preferred level of scholastic achievement for ministry today. While many other seminaries offer a MDiv degree, Sancta Sophia has established a unique curriculum emphasizing personal Spiritual Formation, Pastoral Counseling, and Esoteric Psychology in addition to Spiritual Philosophy, Sacred Texts, Church Leadership, and Theology.
- ***Doctor of Ministry (DMin)*** is awarded to ministers who have completed: 24 credit units within the required and customized curriculum, an original ministry project, and an accepted dissertation. Designed as a program for professional ministers, the Doctor of Ministry combines creativity and advanced study with theory and praxis grounded in academics and the community of faith. Students enrolled in this degree program attend six (6) weeks of intensives on campus, participate in a cyber support community, and complete a dissertation based on their area of focus in ministry.