



Vancouver School of Theology

Application for Admission

Vancouver School of Theology Degrees in Indigenous and Inter-Religious Studies
Indigenous Studies Centre and Iona Pacific Inter-Religious Centre

Please send application material to:

Admissions Office, Vancouver School of Theology
6000 Iona Drive, Vancouver, BC V6T 1L4

Program of Study

Please indicate the degree you are seeking:

- Master of Arts in Indigenous and Inter-Religious Studies
- Master of Theology in Indigenous and Inter-Religious Studies

Personal Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Alternate Telephone: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

Faith Expression: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Alternate Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Academic Background

Give details of your post-secondary educational background, showing schools, universities, seminaries attended and degrees or diplomas received or in progress (please include an estimated completion date).

School or University	Location	Dates Attended	Degrees, Diplomas & Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please request one transcript from each of the above institutions and arrange to have them sent directly to the Admissions Office at Vancouver School of Theology. All transcripts must arrive sealed by the sending institution.

Languages

Please indicate what language study, if any, you have completed

Language	How was competency gained?	When?	To what level?
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Vocational Background

(including relevant volunteer experience; if additional space is required please attach a separate sheet or submit a resume or CV)

Employer: _____

Address: _____ Dates: _____

Type of Work: _____ Position Held: _____

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If you have undertaken any specialized or professional training, please indicate below:

References

Three reference letters are required from two persons familiar with your academic abilities and one from an elder in your community. All letters must be sent directly to the Admissions Office by mail or faxed directly from the referee to: 604-822-9212. A copy of the Reference Form is attached.

Name	Phone Number	Occupation	Relationship
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Financing and Budget

To what extent are you able to meet the expenses of your proposed VST program?

English as a Second Language

Applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence that they can read, write and speak in English at a graduate level. An internet based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) must be completed and the results should be provided with the student's Application for Admission or sent directly to the Admissions Office.

Program Specific Requirements

1. Master of Arts in Indigenous and Inter-Religious Studies Applicants

i. Personal Statement (1000 words in total, typed, and double spaced)

- Please answer the following questions:

- a. Describe briefly your educational and/or vocational goals. What and who have been the formative influences that led you to pursue these goals?
- b. What is your reason for applying to Vancouver School of Theology in particular?

ii. Reflection (1500 words in total, typed, and double spaced)

- Referring to at least one theologian, philosopher, elder, or scholar of significance in your journey, reflect on the following:

- a. Select what you understand to be one of today's most critical issues and reflect on it in terms of your own theological/religious/cultural/philosophical expression.
- b. How have your faith/religious/cultural/philosophical expression and life been affected by the pluralistic (e.g. class, ethnic, gender, religious, sexual orientation) nature of today's world?

iii. Both requirements above may be submitted orally in a digital recording format

2. Master of Theology in Indigenous and Inter-Religious Studies Applicants

i. Academic Paper (5000 - 7000 words total, typed, and double spaced)

- Please submit with your application, an academic paper previously written for some other program. This paper can be returned to you upon written request.

Or

i. A digital recording(audio or visual) by the applicant demonstrating academic competence

ii. Proposed Area of Study

- Please provide a one-page (250 word) statement indicating the area you wish to study and interest in the program

3. Communications

How did you hear about VST, Iona Pacific Inter-Religious Centre, or the Indigenous Studies Centre? Please check all relevant options and provide some further information in the space provided.

- () Website
- () Poster (Location: _____)
- () Community: _____
- () Word of Mouth (Alum? Clergy? Professor? Other? _____)
- () Print Media (newspapers, magazines, etc. _____)
- () Email List

Application Fees

Please note that there is a \$75.00 application fee which needs to be paid before your application will be considered for admission. Cheques are payable to: Vancouver School of Theology.

Applicant’s Statement

If accepted to Vancouver School of Theology, I intend to be a responsible and participating member of the VST community, abide by the policies of the School, and pay all tuition and fees applicable to my program of study.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date of Signature: _____

Freedom of information and protection of privacy

Your personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Vancouver School of Theology Act (1992) and is needed to process your application. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the Privacy Office at 604-822-9813. All information is held in confidentiality. Vancouver School of Theology is committed to being a welcoming and diverse community of students, faculty, and staff. VST admits qualified students to its programs of study regardless of age, colour, gender, sexual orientation or preference, national or ethnic origin, or disability. VST does not discriminate on the bases of any of these in the administration of its educational priorities, admissions policies, bursaries, or other programs administered by the School.



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