Diploma of Biblical Studies

Program Overview

The Diploma of Divinity is an academically rigorous program of study designed to equip men for the demands of pastoral ministry. Students will gain a greater mastery of the biblical text while developing a robust understanding of systematic, historical, and practical theology. This is integrated with a pastoral residency, combining theological depth with hands-on learning under the supervision of experienced pastors.

68 Credit Hours

4-6 Years

Format: In-Person/Online

At a Glance:
General Studies: 2 Hours
Exegetical Theology: 24 Hours
Historical Theology: 6 Hours
Systematic Theology: 9 Hours
Practical Theology: 18 Hours
Electives: 9 Hours

Program Requirements

General Studies (2 Credits)
GS111 Introduction to Theological Education (2)

Exegetical Theology (24 Credits)
ET111 Biblical Hermeneutics (3)
ET121 Old Testament Introduction (3)
ET131 New Testament Introduction (3)
BT111 Biblical Theology (3)
ET211 Elementary Greek I (3)
ET212 Elementary Greek II (3)
ET311 Elementary Hebrew I (3)
ET312 Elementary Hebrew II (3)

Historical Theology (6 Credits)
HT111 Historical Theology I (3)
HT112 Historical Theology II (3)

Systematic Theology (9 Credits)
ST211 Symbolics (3)
ST111 Systematic Theology I (3)
ST112 Systematic Theology II (3)

Practical Theology (18 Credits)
PT111 Pastoral Theology I (2)
PT112 Pastoral Theology II (2)
PT121 Preaching I (2)
PT122 Preaching II (2)
PT131 Biblical Counselling (2)
PT151 Biblical Spirituality (2)
PT211 Pastoral Residency I (3)
PT212 Pastoral Residency I (3)

General Electives (9 Credits)
Electives (9)

Admission Requirements

Admissions Philosophy

Grace Theological Institute exists to provide biblically sound and accessible theological training for the good of the church and the glory of God. Because theological education is not merely an academic pursuit, admission is based not only upon academic readiness but also upon evidence of Christian faith, godly character, and meaningful involvement in the local church.

The Institute reserves the right to deny admission to any applicant whose beliefs, conduct, or circumstances are determined to be inconsistent with the mission, doctrinal commitments, or educational objectives of the Institute.

General Admissions Requirements

All applicants seeking admission to any program of study must provide evidence of the following:

1. Repentance and Faith in Jesus Christ
Applicants must give credible evidence of repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

2. Growing Christian Maturity
Applicants should demonstrate a pattern of spiritual growth, Christian character, teachability, and a desire to live in submission to the authority of Scripture.

3. Local Church Membership and Involvement
Applicants must be members in good standing of a biblically faithful local church and actively involved in its worship, fellowship, discipleship, and ministry.

4. Ability to Benefit from Instruction
Applicants should possess sufficient reading, writing, and communication skills to engage successfully with the curriculum and complete assigned coursework.

5. Transfer Students: Official transcript(s) of credits sent to the Registrar directly by the Educational Institution(s) concerned.

Additional Requirements for Divinity Program

Applicants seeking admission to the Divinity program must also satisfy the following requirements:

1. Minimum Age Requirement
Applicants must be at least twenty (20) years of age at the time of admission.

2. Pastoral Reference Letter
Applicants must arrange for a pastoral reference letter to be submitted directly to Grace Theological Institute. The letter should address the applicant's Christian character, doctrinal soundness, church involvement, spiritual maturity, and perceived suitability for pastoral or ministry preparation. This should be emailed to: admissions@graceinstitute.ca

3. Demonstrated Ministry Interest and Qualifications
Applicants should demonstrate a sincere aspiration to serve Christ and His church through ministry, whether in pastoral leadership, church planting, missions, or other forms of Christian ministry. Applicants should also meet the character qualifications for eldership as outlined in 1

Timothy 3 and Titus 1, or demonstrate clear and credible growth toward these qualifications in their Christian life and conduct.

4. Mentor Identification
Prior to enrollment, applicants may be required to identify a pastor/elder or approved church leader who is willing to provide spiritual encouragement, accountability, and mentorship throughout the student's studies.

5. Admissions Interview
Prior to admission, applicants must complete an admissions interview (in-person/video).

Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for graduation from Grace Theological Institute, students must satisfy all of the following requirements:

General Requirements

- Successfully complete all credit hours required for their program.
- Achieve a minimum overall program average of 75%.
- Maintain active membership in a faithful local church throughout their program of study.

Student Forum Participation

- Attend the minimum number of required student forums, based on the total credit hours in their program:
  - Fewer than 30 credit hours: 3 forums
  - 30–50 credit hours: 5 forums
  - More than 50 credit hours: 6 forums

Live Modular Classes

- Attend the minimum number of required live modular classes (in person), based on the total credit hours in their program:
  - Fewer than 30 credit hours: 2 live modular classes
  - 30–50 credit hours: 3 live modular classes
  - More than 50 credit hours: 4 live modular classes
  - *This requirement may be waived or adjusted for distance students. This arrangement must be approved in advance.*

Live Class Completion

- Complete at least 60% of all program courses as live classes, whether attended in person or online.