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Founded in 1794, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is a graduate theological school of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), offering master's and doctor of ministry degrees as well as certificate programs.

## **HYBRID MASTER'S DEGREES**

Master of Divinity, including emphases in forming new faith communities and urban ministry

Master of Theological Studies, including emphasis in urban ministry

Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies, including emphasis in urban ministry

Joint degrees in social work (University of Pittsburgh) and law (Duquesne University)

## **DOCTOR OF MINISTRY DEGREE**

Christian Spirituality

Creative Writing and Public Theology

Eastern Christian

Intergenerational Black Church Studies

Missional Leadership

Parish: Risking Faithfully

Reformed

Risking Faithfully: Disruption as Revelation and Resurrection

## **HYBRID CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

Adaptive and Innovative Ministry

Faith, Work, and the Common Good

Ministry

Missional Leadership

Theological Studies

Urban Ministry

Pittsburgh Seminary prepares students for ministries in established and emerging Christian communities around the world. Rooted in the Reformed tradition and with a centuries-old history of mission and scholarship in service of the church, the Seminary is committed to relationships of mutual learning and serving with Christ-followers from other traditions and theological viewpoints. Our faculty and educational resources cultivate theologically reflective and contextually engaged Christian leaders. Our programs nurture vocational formation for bearing witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our student body is comprised of Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Orthodox, Independents, and a variety of other denominations from across the country and around the world.



## MISSION

Participating in God's ongoing mission in the world, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is a community of Christ joining in the Spirit's work of forming and equipping people for ministries familiar and yet to unfold and communities present and yet to be gathered.

## VISION

Trusting in God's promises, we seek to be a generous and hospitable community, committed to scholarship in the service of the church, inviting one another into lifegiving and transformational practices including shared prayer and worship, intellectual inquiry, theological reflection, witness, reconciliation, justice, evangelism, and service—practices of discipleship that stir our imagination and shape our desires—as we seek to participate fully in God's work in the world.

In the complex realities of this world that God loves, from our neighborhood to the ends of the earth, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will draw upon the best of our tradition and learn from others as the Spirit shapes and reshapes our common life and work in order to become a leading resource for theologically reflective and contextually engaged ministries.

## COMMITMENT TO CIVIL DISCOURSE

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary intentionally welcomes onto our campus organizations with many diverging viewpoints. Indeed, we aspire to be a location at which difficult—even painful—conversations can take place. Working with our brothers and sisters of other faith traditions, we uphold the values that bind us together—respect for and welcoming of all God's children.

The Seminary community recognizes that if we are going to be one Pittsburgh, everyone must listen and everyone must be heard. We aspire to model the kind of dialogue we want our students to have when divergent political and theological viewpoints arise. In this time in our country, respectful disagreement is especially urgent. Love of neighbor does not always mean agreeing, but it does require honoring others' humanity.

[Read the Seminary's Statement of Civil Engagement.](#)

## ACCREDITATION

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The Seminary admits qualified students of any race, color, national

or ethnic origin, and without regard to age, handicap, or gender.

The Seminary is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, and the following degree programs are approved:

Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (M.A.P.S.), Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.), and Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.).

The following extension sites are approved as specified:

Scottsdale, Ariz.

Approved Degree: D.Min.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

Approved Degree: D.Min.

The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada

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If an enrolled or prospective student wishes to file a complaint with the Seminary's accreditors, they can read more online about the policies and procedures: [The Association of Theological Schools, Middle States](#), and [Pennsylvania Department of Education](#).

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