



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Cornerstone University, located in Grand Rapids Michigan, and its associated seminaries, are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in the United States. In cooperation with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, the Asia Biblical Theological Seminary makes graduate level theological education available to eligible national church leaders and foreign missionaries ministering in Southeast Asia.

Every item requested in this form is important to us as we make plans for your educational experience. Please *print clearly* and *answer questions completely*; do not omit any items without giving written explanation. An incomplete application will delay the processing.

Your acceptance will be determined by an evaluation of the quality of your college achievement record, all subsequent educational experiences, your English proficiency, and your Christian commitment and service.

For your English language proficiency assessment, we suggest that you try out some English tests online. The test will give you a foretaste of our exam. This particular site will surely help you build your confidence when you eventually take the ABTS version. Click on this link: <http://www.testden.com/challenge/free-toefl.asp?refererid=goog9&qclid=CKHP9-6h8rgCFcwE4godOFcAaq>

Please ask all seminaries, colleges or universities you have attended to send *official transcripts* directly to the ABTS office. Xerox copies are not acceptable unless affixed with the school seal. These transcripts are required before a decision can be made on your application for admission.

Work taken in other graduate seminaries can often be applied toward your degree with ABTS. Transfer students must be approved for admission and complete two courses before a formal evaluation of transfer credits will be prepared.

If you are applying for readmission within 5 years, please request a Readmission form. After 5 years, students must complete a new application form and references. Transcripts already in your previous file are sufficient unless you have attended additional classes.

Please forward your completed application to:

**Asia Biblical Theological Seminary
433-435 Moo 3, T. San Sai Noi,
A. San Sai, Chiang Mai 50210
THAILAND**

ASIA BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY

I. Personal Information

This is an application for

- First time in graduate studies
- Transfer
- Re-Admittance

Mr. Mrs. Miss Name as normally written.
 Rev. Pastor
 Dr. _____

Please underline surname (family name).

Mailing address _____ _____ _____ _____	Land line _____ Cell _____ E-mail _____	_____ Country of Birth _____ Date of Birth (Month Day Year) _____ Country of Citizenship
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Remarried <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed		

II. Background Information

1. How long have you been a Christian believer? _____
2. Name, location and affiliation of church of which you are a member _____

3. Name and location of church currently attending _____
4. What are your current ministry responsibilities? _____

5. Are you currently engaged in a ministry and/or marketplace context? yes no

III. Educational Background

List the college from which you received your Bachelor (or equivalent) degree and all schools at which you have done undergraduate or graduate studies.

Name of School	Address	Dates Attended	Degree Received
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

If you are transferring from another seminary, please explain why _____

How did you become interested in Asia Biblical Theological Seminary of Cornerstone University?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ABTS student or graduate | <input type="checkbox"/> ABTS staff member | <input type="checkbox"/> person not related to ABTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Rapids campus | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> ABTS Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | | |

IV. Educational Goals

What program do you wish to pursue?

Master of Religious Education Degree

What will be your area of concentration?

Pastoral Ministries Intercultural Ministries Educational Ministries

Master of Arts: Interdisciplinary Studies in Bible, Theology & Ministry

Non-Degree (*credit classes without degree objective*) - No references are necessary for non-degree status. If you will transfer these courses into another seminary, please give the name and address of the seminary:

V. Family Information

(Complete only if married)

(Complete only if single)

Spouse's name _____ Christian? _____

Parents _____ Christian? _____

Children's names & ages _____

Address _____

Occupation _____

Have any other family members attended Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, or Asia Biblical Theological Seminary? Give names _____

VI. Autobiographical Information

A. Applicant -Please type information about your Christian Life and Vocational Goals and attach to the application form. Limit your total response in this section to one or two pages. If you do not have access to a computer or typewriter, please write very clearly.

Christian Life. **Tell us about** your conversion, your current commitment to Christ, and the significant factors which have aided in your growth in Christ.

Vocational Goals. All applicants, please **give a brief summary** of your past ministry experiences or service for the Lord. If you have a vocation outside of full time ministry, please describe your work and career goals. If you are a full time Christian worker, describe your present ministry and career goals.

B. Applicant's Spouse

Are you wholeheartedly committed to your spouse's graduate education program? yes no

If you are not, or have reservations, please explain _____

Signature _____ Date _____

VII. Standard of Conduct

Because the reputation of the school depends on the testimony of its students, we limit enrollment to those who seek to live in conformity with the teaching of Scripture and to fulfill their responsibilities as students and Christians. We ask, therefore, that students certify their willingness to abide by the following basic standard of conduct:

1. To seek to obey every divine command in order to maintain a right relationship with God, fellow man, and the created order.
2. To participate in Christian service and faithfully attend a local church.
3. To study carefully and complete course work to the best of their abilities.

VIII. References

With this application are a Pastor's Recommendation, a Personal Reference form and a Ministry Validation form. Please give these forms to the appropriate people you list below. It might be wise to give them a stamped envelope addressed to the ABTS office. This may help to speed the return of the form.

Because of the sensitive nature of this information, **the forms should be sent directly to the ABTS office by the people who fill them out.** Please do not collect the forms yourself.

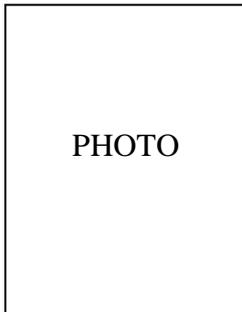
THESE FORMS ARE ONLY TO BE FILLED OUT BY A NON-RELATIVE

Who will fill out your PASTOR'S REFERENCE FORM?	
What is the name, city and country of the church that the above person pastors?	
Who will fill out your PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM?	
What is your relationship with the person who will fill out your Personal Reference form? (Friend, coworker, employer, etc.?)	

IX. Certification and Signatures

I certify that the information provided on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I affirm the doctrinal statement as outlined above (section X) and seek to live according to the principles outlined in the standard of conduct (section VII).

Signature _____ Date _____



Application Check List

Have you

- Filled out the form completely?
- Given the three reference forms to the appropriate people AND listed those people on this application form?
- Requested *official* transcripts forwarded by undergraduate schools to the ABTS Office?
- Attached photo?

**If you are missing any of these forms, please request them from the ABTS office or your Country Coordinator.*

X. Statement of Christian Faith

Asia Biblical Theological Seminary seeks students who demonstrate commitment to Jesus Christ and evidence the new birth. The following statement is the ABTS Core Confession of Faith and must be affirmed as a prerequisite for enrollment, admission to degree programs, and graduation:

We worship the one, true God, almighty Creator and Ruler of all things, who has revealed Himself as spirit and eternally triune: three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, co-extensive in essence and character. Having boundless knowledge and power, God acts with absolute freedom in accordance with His perfect holiness, love, goodness, justice, wisdom, and faithfulness.

We believe that while God has revealed Himself in many ways and most fully in Jesus Christ, the Bible is God's unique, written self-disclosure to humanity, fully human and divine in its authorship. Scripture is as true as its divine Author, clear and uniquely powerful in its message, sufficient for all of our deepest needs, and our only infallible guide and final authority for faith and life.

We believe that God created angels as immaterial and holy beings who are unique in their ministry of worship and service to God. Satan is a fallen angel who, along with his demons, rebels against God's sovereignty in active opposition to God and His plan of redemption until the time of their ultimate doom.

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image as His perfect representatives on earth. Through an act of willful disobedience, Adam sinned, resulting in the depravity of the human race and the corruption of all creation. Consequently, humans are now imperfect representatives, sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God and under His wrath, subjects of the kingdom of Satan, and utterly unable to remedy their lost condition.

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is God incarnate, the fully divine Son of the Father who added to Himself a full human nature; two natures united in one Person. He is the Agent and Sustainer of creation who was sent by the Father for our redemption; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, Mary; who lived a sinless life as the perfect image of God; and who was crucified and died as our representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and bodily rose again defeating sin, Satan, and death. As our ascended Lord, Jesus now intercedes on behalf of His people and rules over His Church until the time of His triumphant return as King of creation.

We believe that the Holy Spirit, as the fully divine, third Person of the triune God, is involved in all the works of God and was sent to apply the redemption accomplished in Christ. The Spirit brings new life to God's people through His works of conviction, illumination, regeneration, and baptism into union with Christ. At salvation, the Spirit permanently indwells believers, guiding, equipping, and empowering us for Christ-like service in and through the Body of Christ, and sealing us as the Guarantor of our inheritance.

We believe that all those who, by God's grace, through faith and repentance have responded to His call are justified, adopted, and made members of the Body of Christ, the universal Church. This Church is made visible in local congregations which advance God's kingdom by making disciples who increasingly image Jesus Christ throughout creation. Jesus commanded His Church to observe two sacred practices: baptism and the Lord's Supper.

We believe in the blessed hope of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the bodily resurrection and reward of the just unto everlasting life, and the raising of the unjust unto final judgment and punishment. He will fully establish His kingdom on the earth, destroy all His enemies, make all things new, and submit all things to the Father; and God will make His dwelling with mankind forever.