

Application for Transformative Justice Certificate



NORTH PARK
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Personal Information

(Please type or print)

Name _____
First Middle Last

Preferred Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Female Male

Social Security (Required for US Citizens and permanent residents) _____

Mailing address _____

Preferred phone _____ Is it a mobile? Yes No Email _____

Date of birth _____ Citizenship _____

Ethnicity and Race

Do you wish to be identified as Hispanic/Latino? Yes No

Regardless of your answer to the previous question, if you wish to be identified with a particular group, please check one or more of the following:

American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

Church Information

Name of church you currently attend _____

Denomination _____

Minister's name _____ How long have you attended this church? _____

Current church involvement _____

Employer and Academic Background

Academic background (Please list all post-high school education)

| Name of school | Location | Dates attended | Degrees earned | Date awarded/expected |
|----------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Current employer _____

Job title _____

Do you have Military Affiliation? Yes No

If yes, what is your status? Active Veteran Dependent Spouse

Program Information

This certificate is a cohort certificate, meaning all students will commit to going through all four courses together in order over the next 2 years. The courses start Fall 2017 (August 28) and go through Spring 2019. This certificate is only available to those who live in the Chicago area as courses will be on-site at Stateville Correctional Center and students are required to be free each Monday during all four semesters from 8:30 am - 2:45 pm for class and travel time. To gain access to Stateville (and the class) students must go through an orientation program, complete any requirements by IDOC/Stateville, and comply with all volunteer/guest rules and policies including a background check.

I have read the above and agree that I can commit to the requirements for this certificate program.

Signature

Date

Application Essays *(Please type up and send in as a separate document.)*

Autobiographical Sketch:

Type a brief autobiographical sketch on an attached sheet, no more than 500 words in length. Include a description of your family background, the main events surrounding your commitment to Jesus Christ, and the important events contributing to your decision to enter Christian ministry or theological studies.

Justice Questions:

1. How do you understand the work of transformative justice in the context of the Christian faith? (half page)
2. Why do you hope to learn in the prison environment? (half page)
3. Have you had any experience in or interacted with the prison system in any way? (list)

Reference

Please list the name and phone number of the pastor who will fill out the pastoral reference form. For confidentiality purposes the recommendation can be mailed or emailed to us only by the person completing the form.

Pastor _____ Phone number _____

- Complete and sign the application form
- Distribute the pastoral reference
- Complete the essays
- Request an official academic transcript from each undergraduate, graduate, or professional institution that you have attended and have them sent directly to the Seminary Admission Office.
- Enclose a \$25 non-refundable application fee via check made out to North Park Theological Seminary, or you may call the number below to pay by credit card.

I hereby make application for admission into North Park Theological Seminary and promise to abide by the regulations of the institution and to promote its best interests. I certify that to the best of my knowledge all answers given in this application are accurate and truthful. I understand that as the seminary of the Evangelical Covenant Church, North Park Theological Seminary prepares both women and men for pastoral and lay leadership in the church.

Signature

Date

Please email this completed form and essays to semadmissions@northpark.edu or mail to Seminary Admission Office, North Park Theological Seminary, 3225 West Foster Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625-4895. If you have questions, please call (773) 244-6229 or (800) 964-0101.

Pastoral Reference Form



Applicant's name _____

Applicant's address, phone number, and email _____

Program applicant is applying for: _____

Note to applicant: You must indicate your preference and sign the reference waiver located on the back of this form for it to be processed.

In seeking admission into North Park Theological Seminary, the above applicant is required to have this form filled out and returned to the Admissions Office at the Seminary. We seek individuals who are qualified to pursue theological studies and who have the potential to serve effectively in the ministry they choose; we would appreciate a frank evaluation of this applicant. If you feel that this form is not adequate for your remarks, please feel free to provide your response in a separate document. Please note that an additional interview with you is standard for all applicants to degree programs at North Park Theological Seminary. It is recommended that you not be part of the church recommendation committee if you submit this form.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Federal law gives students the option to waive their right to see specific letters of recommendation. If the applicant has not signed the waiver on the reverse side of this form, it will be assumed that you are submitting information with the full knowledge that it may be seen by the applicant if he or she is accepted and enrolls at North Park.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

2. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

3. What is your occupation? _____

4. Please evaluate the applicant in the following areas: *(Circle only one number for each item using the following scale: 1 – Excellent, 2 – Very Good, 3 – Average, 4 – Poor, N – Not Observed)*

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| Christian faith and commitment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Moral character | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Leadership | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Personal maturity | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Spiritual maturity | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Ability to work with others | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Reliability | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Emotional stability | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Interpersonal relationships | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Judgment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Communication skills (written) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Communication skills (oral) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Organizational skills | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Flexibility in work related situations | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |
| Ability to analyze a problem and formulate a solution | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N |

5. What do you consider as the applicant's most important gifts, strengths, or personal characteristics? _____

6. In your opinion, what are the applicant's areas for growth and improvement? _____

7. Please comment upon the applicant's potential future success managing people and organizations? _____

8. Do you recommend this person for admission to North Park Theological Seminary?

Highly recommend Recommend Recommend with reservations _____ Do not recommend

Signature

Date

Print name

Phone Number

Please email form to semadmissions@northpark.edu or mail to: North Park Theological Seminary Admissions, Box 40, 3225 West Foster Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625-9972. Be sure to retain a copy for yourself.

Reference Waiver

The Family Education and Privacy Act of 1974 provides the applicant the right of access to information provided by their references after the application has been accepted and the applicant has enrolled at North Park Theological Seminary. The law also allows the applicant the privilege to waive the right of access, an action which may enhance the integrity of recommendations and references. No school, however, can require an applicant to sign such a waiver, nor can it discriminate in any way against any applicant who does not waive his or her right to access.

Please check one:

- I waive my right of access
 I do not waive my right to review this form

Signature

Date