



**PILLAR  
SEMINARY**  
*for* CONTEXTUAL LEADERSHIP

## **2023-2024 Admissions Criteria**

Pillar Seminary trains individuals for ministry and service to the church. Those admitted to the Seminary are expected to demonstrate certain personal, spiritual, and academic competencies in order to be successful throughout their seminary journey. The following criteria are utilized by the admissions committee to determine whether a student is well-prepared to engage in graduate-level theological education.

Exceptions to the following criteria are subject to decision by the admissions committee. Students may appeal admissions committee decisions in writing to [admissions@pillarseminary.org](mailto:admissions@pillarseminary.org). Appeals to admissions committee decisions are reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Seminary. In addition to a student's application for admission, letters of reference, as appropriate, will be requested from individuals identified by the applicant.

- **Christian Faith Journey** Prospective students must demonstrate the following:
  - Evidence of Christian conversion and personal spiritual growth consistent with an authentic discipleship experience
  - Appropriate alignment with Pillar Seminary's mission and values
  - At least one year of lay or vocational ministry experience
  - Agreement with the apostle's creed
  
- **Academic Preparation** Prospective students must demonstrate the following:
  - Minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4 point scale in a baccalaureate degree program from a regionally accredited institution.\* International applicants
    - must hold a similar degree equivalency as evaluated by a Seminary-approved educational service.
    - with degrees from non-U.S. schools must demonstrate English language competence with a score of at least 6.5 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
  - Ability to commit to the demands of graduate-level theological study, including attestation to sufficient time, financial, technological, and academic resources.
  - Potential to communicate, both orally and in writing, at a level appropriate to graduate theological education.

\*Applicants without an accredited bachelor's degree will be considered on the basis of their GRE scores.