## Northwestern Theological Seminary

"Educating the World for Jesus Christ"



# -Catalog-Student Handbook-

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#### A Message from the Founder

#### Dear Prospective Student:

Allow me to extend to you a very warm welcome, and to congratulate you on your very wise decision to investigate opportunities in education which can help advance your life and career. The fact that you are reading our academic information shows that you are a goal-oriented achiever, who seeks to benefit from educational opportunities. We have watched our ministries grow, by the Grace of God, to over 55,000 Worldwide alliance members over the last 25-years and it is my hope, for you also, that Northwestern Theological Seminary may be a major stepping-stone in your stride toward accomplishment of your Christian professional, personal and ministry goals. Your graduate degrees are valuable documents which demonstrate your qualifications as you move forward in your career as a Christian professional.

In choosing the theologically accredited, non-traditional, approach to acquiring your Bachelor, Master and Doctorate degrees you have made a wise decision that you can take pride in. Now, along with many others, you too will save considerable time and money as you speed up the process leading to the accomplishment of your educational goals and total life fulfillment. Furthermore, you are doing it in the most efficient and effective way imaginable.

I sincerely wish you all of the best, as you continue to reach and achieve all of your goals in life. May the Lord bless you as you serve and grow in the knowledge of His matchless grace through the unfathomable wisdom of His divine word.

If you are not currently a member of Christian Alliance Ministries, we encourage you to join our worldwide evangelistic ministry. There is never any cost involved to participate as a member. Simply Click on the Application page and fill in the information fields on the combination ministry membership/ seminary application and click submit at the bottom of the page. We will respond within 24-72 hours to notify you concerning your acceptance. As a student / ministry member, of our Worldwide Ministries, we ask that you participate as prayer partner and that you become familiar with our ministries around the world. You can learn more about our worldwide ministries by clicking "Our Ministries" on the main topics list of our website.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dr. Howard M. Sarkela, PhD., ThD., D.D.

Presiding Pastor,

Christian Alliance Ministries

Northwestern Theological Seminary

#### A Message from the President

Dear Student or Future Applicant,

Greetings to you in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is with great joy and a sense of excitement that I address you in this letter, for I know that those that are reading through this Catalog/Manual are either new students to Northwestern Theological Seminary or are currently looking at NTS as a means of proceeding on with a theological education and preparation. That calls for excitement as it shows that more and more, around the world, there are those that wish to prepare themselves to be more effective in the work of the Kingdom of God and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Northwestern Theological Seminary has been preparing men and women for the past 25 years, leading them in a path to a higher understanding of the Scriptures with a clear understanding of God's inspiration of the Word, making it profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

This is our focus and call at NTS. To make disciples around the world who will continue the spread of the Gospel, rightly dividing the Word so that they may not be easily tossed from side to side by every coming wind of doctrine and teaching that does not align with the Word of God. At NTS you will utilize a system of analytical research in order to better understand the content of the courses. As you write each paper you will find yourself understanding things through the use of applying and analyzing the information into your own words, greatly increasing the level of retention of information. NTS strives to better relate with the needs of the average person by not limiting the time of study and allowing one to achieve comfortable and attainable study habits which allow for completion of Degree programs without interfering with the busy schedules of most students. A level of self-discipline is required of all students, as they commit to the completion of their course work, leading to degree award.

I would encourage you to take your time reading through this Catalog/Manual and be sure that you understand exactly what NTS has to offer. I would also encourage you to visit our websites for more information. If you are ready to begin, then I congratulate you in your decision to get started and welcome you to our student body.

If you are still considering your decision, we join with you in prayer for God's guidance regarding your decision to fulfill your Christ-centered education at NTS. We do believe that there are many good schools that can help equip you, but we also understand that men and women of God, who have deposited their trust and future in His hands, will seek God's direction in all matters.

May God continually bless you, and we look forward to working with you in your achievements of a higher education.

Sincerely in Christ

Dr. Samuel Galloza, M.Th., Ph.D., D.D. President, Christian Alliance Ministries Northwestern Theological Seminary

#### Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible Word of God. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe in the Genesis account of creation. We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that salvation is the free gift of God by grace, through faith and is possessed by each individual who has, by grace through faith, received the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling empowers Christians to live a godly life. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved, unto the resurrection of eternal life in a literal heaven and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation, in a literal hell. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of HIS body, the one true Church. We believe that through the gift of faith, God draws those who will believe the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God's grace, mercy and love endures forever.

#### **Degree Programs**

#### **Bachelor's Programs**

B.Th. – Bachelor of Theology

Bachelor of Theology in Biblical Studies

Bachelor of Theology in Theology

Bachelor of Theology in Christian Counseling

Bachelor of Theology in Christian Social Work

Bachelor of Theology in Christian Education

Bachelor of Theology in Ministry

#### Master's Program

#### M.Th. - Master of Theology

Master of Theology in Biblical Studies

Master of Theology in Theology

Master of Theology in Christian Counseling

Master of Theology in Christian Social Work

Master of Theology in Christian Education

Master of Theology in Ministry

Master of Theology in Christian Administration

Master of Theology in Christian Music

Master of Theology in Christian Art

#### **Doctorate Programs**

#### Th.D. – Doctor of Theology

Doctor of Theology in Biblical Studies

Doctor of Theology in Theology

Doctor of Theology in Christian Counseling

Doctor of Theology in Christian Social Work

Doctor of Theology in Christian Education

Doctor of Theology in Ministry

Doctor of Theology in Christian Administration

Doctor of Theology in Christian Music

Doctor of Theology in Christian Art

#### Ph.D. – Doctor of Philosophy

Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies

Doctor of Philosophy in Theology

Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Counseling

Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Social Work

Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Ministry

Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Administration

Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Music

Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Art

#### **Course Materials**

Northwestern Theological Seminary courses have been evaluated together with the program material necessary in order to complete the requirements for each course of study.

For the most part, students will use a variety of PDF books available at no charge from our Virtual Library. In the case of Module Five, students are required to purchase the necessary textbooks\* in order to complete the specified courses in that module. All attempts to maintain textbooks purchases at a minimum have been taken, as well as the choosing of textbooks that are both economical and easily available at bookstores and online. \*These book are available through Amazon.com or other major books stores.

Learning Modules are available as a Free Download from the seminary website.

#### Accreditation

Northwestern Theological Seminary is both a state authorized and theologically accredited institution of higher learning. Most accredited universities, accredited seminaries, accredited Bible colleges and accredited colleges have their own criteria for recognition and acceptability of online educational credits. The individual should always address specific questions to selected institutions in determining their particular criteria concerning accreditation.

#### Accrediting Associations

Northwestern Theological Seminary has satisfied all requirements and has received full accreditation status with The American Accrediting Association of Theological Institutions. Also known as the A.A.A.T.I. Address: P.O. Box 8939 Rocky Mount, NC 27804 Phone: 1-(252)-451-0024

Northwestern Theological Seminary has satisfied all requirements and has received full accreditation status with The International Accrediting Association of Christian Education. Also known as The I.A.A.C.E. Address: 3350 Sweetwater Road Suit# 407, Lawrenceville, GA. 30044 To verify full accreditation status, you may send an inquiry concerning Northwestern Theological Seminary to: TIAACE@gmail.com

#### **State Approval**



**State of Florida Department of Education** 

Northwestern Theological Seminary operates under authorization, as a degree granting institution through exemption by the Florida State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities under Section 1005.06 (1) (f), FLA Statutes. The state does not require accreditation or theological accreditation.

As a theologically accredited biblical seminary, we are not required, by the U.S. Dept. of Education or any other agency, to have regional accreditation nor are we subject to governmental or secular oversight. As such, our educational programs are not required to qualify our students for either governmental or secular certification. However, legally, our degrees are classified as theologically accredited and state authorized which fully qualifies all degrees from Northwestern Theological Seminary to be recorded professionally both on your resume and in personal employment records. You can be proud of your Degrees from Northwestern Theological Seminary.

#### **Transfer of Credits**

No college, university or other institute of higher education is obligated to accept transfer credits form any other institution. Other institutions in transfer have accepted NTS credits, but (as with any college, university, seminary or other institution) decisions concerning the acceptance of credits by an institution other than NTS, its affiliates and/or branches are at the sole discretion of the receiving institution, and no representation is made concerning the transferability of credits to such institutions. Students considering continuing their education at another institution should not assume that credits earned at NTS, its affiliates and/or branches will be accepted by the receiving institution without inquiring of the registrar of the receiving institution as to that institution's policy concerning the acceptance of such credits.

Students and applicants that have earned credits in other institutions will be evaluated by NTS in order to determine whether those credits can be applied to their course requirements in their degree programs.

#### **Course Descriptions**

#### 101/102 Introduction To The Bible I & II

An informative study of the history of the word of God and its progression through many stages of development from inspiration to the written word.

#### 101/102 Old Testament Survey I & II

An informative and in depth overview of the entire Old Testament.

#### 201/202 New Testament Survey I & II

An informative and in depth overview of the entire New Testament.

#### 102 Philippians and Spiritual Life

A study of the book of Philippians and how it relates to our own spiritual development.

#### 101/102 Life of Christ I & II

An in depth study of the life of our Lord, from his birth, through his life and ministry and continuing through his example of obedience in his sin atoning death, burial and resurrection.

#### 101/102 Ministry of Paul I & II

A study of the life of the Apostle Paul and his evangelistic, missionary, ministry.

#### 301/302 Bible Study Methods

An in depth review and explanation of the numerous methodologies, which may be applied to studying the Holy Scriptures.

#### 201 Introduction to Evangelism

A study of the fundamentals of evangelism as used in the ministry of the early church and how these fundamentals are still applicable today.

#### **202 Introduction to Apologetics**

A study of the fundamentals of apologetics as used in the ministry of the early church and how these fundamentals are still applicable today.

#### **201/202** Book of Acts

An in depth study of the work of the apostles in the development of the early church.

#### 201/202 Daniel / Revelation I & II

An in depth study of the amazing interrelationship between the prophetic truths which are revealed in the Old Testament book of Daniel and the New Testament book of the Revelation.

#### 201 Introduction to the Principles of Teaching

An overview of the basic methodologies involved in the teaching process.

#### **202 Introduction to Missions**

A biblical view of how missionary work was organized and developed in the early church age and how this relates to missions ministry today.

#### 301/302, 401/402 Theology I, II, III, IV

An in depth study of the many areas of theological doctrine.

#### 301 Christology

An in depth study of the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ and HIS position of deity, as God in the flesh as well as HIS position as a creator, in the beginning and His position today, as intercessor, **seated at the right hand of the Father.** 

#### 301 Pneumatology

An in depth study of the Holy Spirit as seen in the Old and New Testaments. His position as one with God and as a member of the Godhead, His ministry as the Paraclete, the one who strives along beside us as our helper and teacher and counselor who brings Glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 301/302 Books of Moses

An in depth study of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the bible. Written by Moses, these books are a wealth of historical and spiritual knowledge.

#### 301/302 Evangelism I & II

An in depth study of evangelism, using examples from the life of Christ and His early church. All Christians are under obligation to do our part in fulfillment of the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus. This study examines the principles of evangelism and how to apply them with the goal of winning converts to a life of faith and obedience to the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. The importance of discipleship is stressed, so that multiplication will result, as new converts continue in teaching others also, in accord with the scripture **text found in: Il Timothy 2:2.** 

#### 301/302 Apologetics I & II

An in depth study of how to defend our faith through the knowledge of the truth as written in God's Holy Word.

#### 401/402 Homiletics I & II

A study of sermon research, preparation and delivery. A thorough look at the importance of a central theme, the supporting points of a sermon and how to use transitional statements to make your delivery smooth and understandable. The course also includes how to use the different forms of bible study in development of your sermon. The importance of remaining in context, and how to outline your scripture text, which shows how the main theme is supported by book, chapter, paragraph and verse.

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#### 401/402 Writing and Journalism I & II

A study of the many important principles involved in both writing and journalism and how to apply these principles in developing quality material.

#### 301/302 Counseling and Guidance I & II

An in depth study of how to build trusting relationships as you seek to provide bible centered counseling and guidance to those who are in need of emotional and spiritual guidance.

#### 301/302 Hymnology I & II

A study of the history and development of hymns as a musical ministry of praise and worship.

#### 301/302 Praise and Worship

A study of the history, development and importance of praise and worship in our ministry unto the Lord.

#### 401/402 Psalms I & II

An in depth study of the Psalms, their authorship, history and meaning and how they can be a powerful guide in learning how to pray, to praise and to worship effectively.\_

#### 301/302 Music History

An in depth study of the history of music, from the first musical instruments and songs to present day music, songs and instruments.

#### 401/402 Principles of Teaching I & II

A complete study of how to research and develop an effective teaching plan, as well as an in depth look at the many methodologies which can be employed in the instruction of your students.\_

#### 301/302 Bible Study Methods

A complete study of helpful resources and the many methodologies that we can use to do an effective and thorough study of God's. Holy Word.

#### 401/402 Research Skills I & II

The how to of finding all of the information that you will ever need, for research projects, papers, articles, books, as well as for teaching and preaching.

#### 401/402 I & II Corinthians

An in depth study of the Apostle Paul's two epistles to the church at Corinth.

#### 401/402 Gospels I & II

An in depth study of the four Gospels, crystallizing the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.\_

#### 401/402 I, II, III John

A complete study of the three great spiritual letters of John.

#### 301 Book of Matthew

A study of the life of our Lord, as seen through the eyes of Matthew.

#### 301 Book of Mark

A study of the life of out Lord, as seen through the eyes of Mark.

#### 301 Book of Luke

A study of the life of our Lord, as seen through the eyes of Luke.

#### 301 Book of John

A study of the life of our Lord, as seen through the eyes of John.

#### 302 Book of Romans

A study of spiritual doctrine as explained by the Apostle Paul.

#### **401 Book of Ephesians**

A study of spiritual instruction, prepared as a letter to the church at Ephesus, by the Apostle Paul

#### 401 Book of Galatians

A study of spiritual instruction, prepared as a letter to the church at Galatia, By the Apostle Paul.

#### 302 Book of Philippians

A study of spiritual instruction, prepared as a letter to the church at Philippi, By the Apostle Paul.

#### 301 Book of James

A study of the great epistle of spiritual instruction to the twelve tribes, as James instructs concerning how to live a spiritual life.

#### **402 Book of Hebrews**

A study of the great letter to the Hebrews, instructing on the attributes and triumphs of the Lord Jesus Christ and the importance of faith.

#### 301 Marriage and Family

A study of how to have a spiritual and fulfilling life reflected through our marriage and family relationships.

#### 302 Anger Management

A study in how to identify anger triggers and how to identify and eliminate, negative, self defeating behavior patterns from our lives, as we grow into a closer relationship with the Lord and others.

#### 401/402 Balancing the Christian Life

A study of the importance of balance in our spiritual lives. We need to have a goal of growing more Christ like. Jesus is our perfect example. We should desire to learn of HIM, so that in knowing HIM better, we can become more like HIM. We should be identifying and eliminating sinful

behavior from our lives. The more we grow spiritually in balance with HIS word, the more we become like HIM and the more others can see HIM in us.

#### 301 Volunteerism

A study that shows how to recruit and manage volunteers in ministry.

#### 401 Principles of Accounting

A study of the basics of accounting and book keeping methods.

#### **402 Computer Skills**

An overview of basic computer skills for windows applications, using Microsoft Word, Power Point as well as sending and receiving e-mail.

#### 301/302 History of Art I & II

An overview of the many forms of art, which have been created, by man, through out history.

#### 301/302 / 401,402 Art Workshop I, II, III, IV

This course covers the planning, preparation and creation of works of art. Students will create and then photograph these art projects and send pictures in to the seminary, along with sketches and planning / preparation details.

#### 401 Art Forms

A study of the many forms in which art can be created and expressed.

#### 402 Biblical Art

A study of the history of art, relative to God and the Holy Bible.

#### 501 Advanced New Testament

An advanced study of the New Testament.

#### 501 Advanced Pauline Epistles

An advanced study of Paul's epistles.

#### 502 Advanced Psalms

An advanced study of the Psalms

#### 502 Advanced Revelation

A advanced study of the Revelation of John the Divine

#### 601 Advanced Book of Romans

An advanced study of the Book of Romans

#### 601 Advanced Proverbs

An advanced study of the Proverbs

#### 602 Advanced Gospels

An advanced study of the Gospels

#### 602 Advanced Old Testament

An advanced study of the Old Testament

#### 701 Christian Life Development Module One

How to grow and develop in our Christian life.

#### 801 Christian Life Development Module Two

Developing awareness in our Christian life and establishing a Christian worldview. Seeking God's will for our lives and discipleship.

#### 702 Christian Life Development Module Three

Major components of Learning Module Three involve both Bible book studies through Old Test. and New Test Survey assignments, Biographical studies, studies in Theology, apologetics courses and research papers utilizing the analytical process of applied education.

#### 802 Christian Life Development Module Four

This learning Module focuses on the in depth study through individual research assignments for: 1) Introduction to the Bible, 2) Theology, 3) Homiletics, 4) Principles of Teaching and 5) Bible Study Methods.

#### 901 Christian Life Development Module Five

This learning Module focuses on the in depth study, through individual research assignments, for: 1) Christian Counseling 2) Christian Social Work 3) Spiritual Warfare and 4) Principles of Prayer

#### **Understanding the Learning Modules**

All learning module materials are provided at no cost to enrolled students.

Modules One, Three, Four and Five are provided in downloadable PDF format.

To view and download either, Learning Modules One, Three, Four or Five, simply click on the LINKS which are clearly identified on the seminary website.

Be certain to study the **NTS EDUCATIONAL PROCESS** found in the next topic. You will be expected to utilize this methodology, when appropriate, and you will be graded accordingly, when studying the, Christian Life Development, Learning Modules and whenever doing research papers including, but not limited to, your Master's Thesis and Doctoral Dissertation.

Simply CLICK on the required Module, listed on the website, to download and print each one at NO cost to you. All Learning Modules are provided FREE of charge by Northwestern Theological Seminary.

Learning Modules are each large PDF files and will take a while to open completely, your patience is appreciated.

#### **NTS Educational Process**

"The Analytical Process For Applied Education"

Northwestern Theological Seminary utilizes a unique process for learning, developed by our founder, Dr. Howard M. Sarkela, in early August of 1980. This process is more than a teaching system and better termed as a contemporary process for learning and applying knowledge. Dr. Sarkela has attending colleges and universities found that the old system of education was greatly lacking in effectiveness and efficiency. He found that the archaic, yet still in practice, system of memorizing lists and cramming for examinations resulted in considerable loss of knowledge because of the fact that much which is memorized, through cramming, goes into our short term memory and may be quickly forgotten. As a result of this discovery he decided that there must be a better way, whereby students can acquire knowledge and assimilate it while at the same time being better enabled to retrieve it for application in their lives and careers.

The process that Dr. Sarkela developed, is called: "*The analytical process for applied education*." This simple yet thorough method of study involves the inductive method, of progressing from the GENERAL to the SPECIFIC while assimilating and applying the knowledge gained through research.

The GENERAL process involves making a general outline and doing research to gather data, then utilizing the gathered information to formulate and develop a comprehensive research project. Writing this research paper, involves compilation, comprehension and application of the relevant data being researched. To do this, the student must continuously be asking, "What is the value of this information relative to the subject?" and then crystallizing it by asking, "how can I apply this, **General and Specific**, knowledge for the enhancement of my education, life and career?" as well as, "How can I apply this information in helping others?" Repetition of this process, improves the ability to perform quality research, as well as the ability to assimilate and apply knowledge gained from quality research. Using this methodology to fulfill a research assignment leads to better comprehension and retention of valuable information thus complimenting the learning process and further enabling the learner.

The SPECIFIC process evolves: First, during the research phase, through analysis to develop many **specific questions**, in detail, relative to the student's interest in particular subject matter, considering how it may be applied to learning, life and career. Second, doing further research to find **specific answers** that the student can assimilate and apply for the enhancement of their learning, life and career, as well as to their ministry of helping and educating others. This valuable learned information is then interwoven into the research project. Through this process of education, the student is able to remember more of the valuable information that he or she is exposed to. Understanding specific information well enough to remember and apply it is the goal of this process of analytical research study. Obviously, there can be tremendous educational, life, career and ministry value achieved through such effective application of both **General** and **Specific** knowledge.

If it is true, that intelligence quotient, or I.Q., relates not so much to acquired knowledge as it does to the ability to apply such knowledge, then it is logical that the "analytical process of applied education," should result in higher I.Q. scores whenever this advanced, process of contemporary education has been continuously and conscientiously practiced.

As a student of Northwestern Theological Seminary, you will receive education based on this advanced educational process. Having a better ability to recall knowledge learned through this process of research, assimilation and personal application, as well as having a better ability of knowing how to find answers through research, will provide our students with more of an advantage in our modern, competitive society.

Knowing the correct questions to ask and knowing how to find the correct answers as well as knowing how to correctly apply such answers for your learning, life and career, is a priceless gift, a gift we offer to all of our students at Northwestern Theological Seminary.

#### Love Offers in Lieu of Tuition

The students to NTS submit love Offers in lieu of tuition. These Love Offers represent a committed amount that the student will pay for their Degree Programs, while at the same time supporting ministries affiliated with Christian Alliance Ministries Worldwide.

The following represent the Love Offer in lieu of tuition required in order to enroll in specified Degree Programs. Furthermore, you will find that in comparison to the total costs of tuition and all other expenses required for living on campus and attending traditional schools, that the minimum suggested Love Offers at NTS, represent up to a 98% savings.

Bachelor Program:

Minimum Love Offer - \$1,400 Maximum Love Offer - \$2,800

Master Program:

Minimum Love Offer - \$1,800 Maximum Love Offer - \$3,000

Doctorate Program:

Minimum Love Offer - \$1,800 Maximum Love Offer - \$3,000

Combined Bachelor / Master Program:

Minimum Love Offer - \$2,200 Maximum Love Offer - \$3,400

Combined Master / Doctorate Program:

Minimum Love Offer - \$2,400 Maximum Love Offer - \$3,600

When completing your Enrollment Application, you are required to choose a Love Offer amount within the ranges specified for the Degree Program of your choice.

#### **Payment Plans**

NTS allows an applicant to choose a payment option that is more financially comfortable for the applicant's financial situation. The following is a list of the payment plans available.

#### Payment Option A

The applicant will pay 50% of the Love Offer as an initial payment upon receipt of their Acceptance Letter. The remaining 50% must be paid in full prior to award of Degree.

#### Payment Option B

The applicant will pay \$599 of the Love Offer as an initial payment upon receipt of their Acceptance Letter. The student will then make monthly payments of \$59 per month while completing the Degree Program. The remaining balance is to be paid at completion of the program, prior to award of Degree.

#### Note:

Of course, the applicant is welcomed to pay the full amount immediately upon seminary acceptance.

#### **Admission Information**

Applicants for admission to Northwestern Theological Seminary are considered without regard to sex, age, color, national or ethnic origin, meeting the guidelines of the Civil Rights Act, Section 1984 and all other local and federal programs.

NTS will accept any and all individuals who desire to increase their knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Word. Each prospective student will be assessed according to academic background and experience. An individualized program of study will be set up to meet any additional needs.

#### **Prerequisites for Admission**

#### For the Bachelor's Degree Program:

A High School diploma or equivalency at the time of the awarding of the degree is required.

#### For the Master's Degree Program:

A Bachelor's Degree at the time of the awarding of the degree is required.

#### For the Doctorate Degree Program:

A Master's Degree at the time of the awarding of the degree is required.

#### **Academic Probation**

In some cases, students will be admitted who have not yet met the prerequisites for admission and their required diplomas or degrees. To be allowed to enroll at NTS in such cases, the prospective student must be actively pursuing the acquisition of their required prerequisite. The NTS degree will be issued upon completion of all requirements. No degree will be awarded to any student who has not fulfilled the required standards as required for their specific Degree Program.

#### **Dismissal Policy**

NTS reserves the right at any time to place on probation, suspend or dismiss a student whose academic standing, financial obligations, progress, or conduct is not deemed satisfactory by the administration.

#### **Prior Learning and Life Experience Credits**

NTS awards credits for seminars and workshops attended through work or church.

#### Military Service Credit

Military service personnel from any allied national armed forces branch will receive three (3) hours credit for every year honorably served for a maximum of 12 credit hours.

#### Life/Work/Ministry Credit

Credit for life, work and ministry will be evaluated. You may have years of parttime or full-time work in Christian service that would be of credit value. You will be asked to submit a short bibliography/resume for evaluation. These credits may be applied to each degree through the master's level. Life experience credit is not available at the doctoral level.

#### Grading

100 – 94	Α
93 – 87	В
86 – 79	С
78 – 71	D
70 -	F

Students with failing grades are allowed an additional attempt for a higher grade on their assignment. At that time, individual counseling, assistance and encouragement is provided. Our primary goal is to see you achieve your degree.

#### Scholastic Honors

3.50 - 3.79 Cum Laude

3.80 – 3.99 Magna Cum Laude

4.00 - Summa Cum Laude

#### **Love Offer Payment and Refund Policy**

If you are enrolling, by Love Offering, or blessing our ministry by sending a donation, you may do so by simply clicking the DONATE button found in the seminary website. Once you click the button, a page will appear for you to enter the amount of your Love Offer or Donation along with your credit card information for your PayPal secure credit card transaction. We are a nonprofit religious corporation, but not a governmentally regulated 501(c)3, therefore, donations are not tax deductible. A Love Offer is a payment in lieu of tuition and not a donation.

#### If Paying By Certified Bank Check or Money Order:

To make your Donation or Love Offer by Bank Check or Money Order, Simply make it payable to Christian Alliance ministries or Northwestern Theological Seminary and mail to the address below:

#### Mailing Address:

Christian Alliance Ministries/ Northwestern Theological Seminary

9438 US Hwy. 19N. Suite 117

Port Richey, Florida 34668

#### To Pay by Credit Card:

For secure portal Credit Card transactions click the DONATE button on the seminary website:

Thank you and may the Lord bless you for helping to provide quality Christian education and discipleship to the world.

#### Western Union Payments:

In Countries both Inside and Outside Of the USA, You Can Send Your Payment By Western Union. Make Your Payment Payable to Our Presiding Pastor,

Dr. Howard M. Sarkela

9438 US HWY. 19N. Suite 117

Port Richey, Florida 34668 USA

Tel: 1-570-824-4280

Notify us by E-Mail regarding the Western Union Transaction Control Number. Send your e-mail to: <a href="mailto:NorthwesternNow@aol.com">NorthwesternNow@aol.com</a>

#### Refund Policy

Refunds of tuition may be given, for a valid reason at our discretion, if the student withdraws within fourteen days of submitting this application for enrollment. In case of death or involuntary call to military duty, NTS will refund 100% of the Love Offer payments received, if such event takes place within 90 days of enrollment.

#### **Total Hours Required per Degree**

Our three-degree programs require the following credits for graduation:

**Bachelor** - Diploma plus 120 additional credits

**Master** - Bachelor degree plus 48 additional credits

**Doctorate** - Bachelor / Master degree plus 48 additional credits

#### **Program of Study**

The Programs of Study include the required courses, but do not necessarily reflect total hours because of applied life, ministry, and transfer credits. Electives may be chosen by NTS and/or the student to satisfy the additional needed credits.

Each student will receive the required courses for fulfillment of the Degree Program enrolled in through Modules, PDF Courses, and Projects provided at the time of receipt of Acceptance Letter.

#### **Master Thesis Guidelines**

Students must submit their completed thesis to:

NTS Administrative Office Att: Dr. Samuel Galloza 517 Mayflower Crossing Wilkes Barre, PA 18702

Guidelines for writing the Master Thesis:

- 1. Write a minimum of 37,500 words minimum 150 pages
- 2. Reflect at least 5 cited works.
- 3. It will include:
  - a. Table of Content
  - b. Introduction
  - c. Bibliography
  - d. End or foot notes

#### Proposal

Student must submit to NTS a detailed proposal of your thesis or dissertation. The proposal must contain a thesis statement. A thesis statement is one sentence that expresses what your thesis or dissertation shall prove. This statement is the theme of the dissertation. You must submit this proposal via email to your faculty advisor. You will be notified as to the status of your request. No thesis or dissertation will be accepted without prior approval of the Thesis/Dissertation Committee.

#### Presentation

- 1. The Committee must judge your work worthy of commercial publication.
- It must be submitted as an original copy. This copy will be retained by NTS and will NOT be returned. We suggest that you make a copy for yourself.
- 3. It must meet the format of a thesis or dissertation.

#### **Dissertation Guidelines**

Students must submit their completed dissertations to:

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Guidelines for writing the Doctoral Dissertation:

- 4. Write a minimum of 37,500 words minimum 150 pages
- 5. Reflect at least 5 cited works.
- 6. It will include:
  - a. Table of Content
  - b. Introduction
  - c. Bibliography
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#### **Submitting Your Work**

All work for the entire Degree Program must be sent in one package after completion of all courses and/or thesis or dissertation. Your work will be evaluated in its entirety. Students will recognize that their Module work will actually help them prepare for completion of the thesis and dissertations in the Graduate Programs.

In the Bachelor's Program, the student will find a sense of better understanding through a review of the entire work prior to submission. The Faculty Advisor will actually be working with the student throughout their course work in order to assure that the work submitted aligns with the requirements.

Any part of the work submitted that does not earn a passing grade will be returned to the student for rework.

Once the student has completed all of the required course work for their degree field, they will mail the entire package to:

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#### **Enrollment Procedure**

To submit an application to Northwestern Theological Seminary please go to our website located at: <a href="https://www.northwesternseminary.com">www.northwesternseminary.com</a> and fill out our convenient Online Application at no cost.

At NTS there are no need for postal mailings of applications, avoiding delays in enrollments. You will be notified within 72 hours of your application submission on the status of your enrollment with NTS.

Please be sure to fill out all appropriate field on the online application in order to avoid delays in processing.

If you would like to contact the seminary with questions or comments, you can use the contact page on the website, or just email us at:

NorthwesternSeminary@gmail.com

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We look forward to assisting you in your goals of obtaining a higher degree.

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