



## Application Checklist for Master's Programs

Thank you for your interest in **Palmer Seminary** of **Eastern University**. The goal of this checklist is to make it as clear and simple as possible for you to apply to Palmer. Please note that all materials related to the application process can be mail or e-mailed to the Admissions Office. E-mail materials to [mtslatinmin@eastern.edu](mailto:mtslatinmin@eastern.edu).

### [ ] THE APPLICATION

Complete an admission application to Palmer Seminary. Form is available below.

### [ ] PERSONAL STATEMENT

In 4 to 8 double-spaced, typed pages, please exhibit your best writing and thinking skills by developing an essay that responds to the following:

1. What persons, events, and other factors have significantly influenced your Christian journey thus far?
2. Describe the significant motives, convictions, persons and/or experiences that have led you to pursue a theological education.
3. Describe your ministry up to this point in your life. What forms do you expect your ministry to take in the future (such as pastor, teacher, counselor, minister of Christian education)? What do you hope to accomplish in this ministry?
4. Evaluate the abilities you possess for theological studies, including past academic coursework, and how they will be used in your intended ministry.
5. How do you see yourself in relation to others? Besides your family, with whom do you spend time?
6. What would your trusted friends say are the greatest strengths and most challenging weaknesses in your personality?

7. When you are not in church, at work or in school, how do you spend your free time? How often do you get to enjoy these activities?
8. If you are accepted at Palmer, what areas of needed growth do you hope will be developed by your experience with us? Also, what areas of strength do you believe Palmer Seminary can help you develop?

Note: If you are accepted at Palmer, your Personal Statement may be used as a benchmark for advising and assessment purposes, and thus may become part of your file in the Office of Student Formation

### **[ ] TRANSCRIPTS**

Please send an official transcript from the college, university, or seminary which issued your last full degree. The respective institution should send this directly to the admissions office.

### **[ ] TWO REFERENCES**

Please have two completed reference forms sent to the Seminary. They cannot be from a relative. One reference must come from your recent pastor, pastor figure or ministry mentor. The second may come from any Christian leader, colleague or friend who has some familiarity with your values, abilities and goals.

Reference forms may be downloaded by clicking on the form below. The forms are self-explanatory. Simply provide a copy of the form to those you choose to complete a reference form on your behalf.

### **[ ] LETTER OF GOOD STANDING**

This applies only to those who have attended another seminary within the last five years but have not completed its academic program. Request a Letter of Good Standing from that institution's Registrar or Academic Dean indicating that you are or were a student in good standing.