

Seminary Mission:

Assumption Seminary is a bilingual and multi-cultural community of priestly formation... Our goal is to enable Christ-centered men to grow and develop as collaborative and culturally sensitive pastoral leaders committed to the gospel.

"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation." (Mk 16:15)

Seminary Vision:

Forming outstanding priests as leaders in the image of Christ the Good Shepherd for an evangelizing church.

Admissions Process

"The purpose of the admissions process is to determine whether candidates have the requisite qualities to begin the process of formation and preparation for priestly ordination and ministry"

(Program for Priestly Formation, n. 34).

Before applying to the seminary, an applicant should be accepted as a seminarian for a diocese and be sponsored by his bishop. This is accomplished by contacting the Vocations Office in his diocese. Once a candidate receives this sponsorship, then he may apply to Assumption Seminary under the guidance of his Vocation Director.

The admissions process for Assumption Seminary requires a completed application form, autobiography, sacramental records, a review of the psychological and medical assessment, transcripts and academic tests, criminal background checks, letters of recommendation, and immigration documentation. At times, applicants are required to provide additional information to the academic institution where they will study.

In the admissions process the applicant is also interviewed by members of the Formation Faculty who make up the Admissions Committee. These interviews "include an open and frank discussion of the life experiences that applicants bring to the seminary. Their level of insight or self-knowledge and their willingness to address important human issues, such as their interpersonal abilities, evidence of sound peer relationships, their manner of dealing with authority, and their psychosexual development, can be important gauges of their readiness" to enter Assumption Seminary (PPF 54). Applicants should give evidence of an ability to live the charism of celibacy and should also be transparent regarding difficulties in this area.

Following the interviews the Admissions Committee convenes to discuss the applicant and make a recommendation to the Rector. These recommendations include acceptance, conditional acceptance, non-acceptance at this time, and non-acceptance. If the applicant has been accepted, then this completes the application process. However, occasionally applicants are interviewed before all of the required documents have been collected. In these situations, the seminary issues a letter of conditional acceptance. *The applicant bears the responsibility of ensuring that all required documents are given to the Chair of the Admissions Committee in a timely manner.* A status of "conditional acceptance" should last no longer than one semester.

Thanks to our inter-institutional agreements with Oblate School of Theology and the Mexican American Catholic College we have a unified application process.

If you have any questions, you may reach us at (210) 734-5137.