

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

COLGATE ROCHESTER CROZER DIVINITY SCHOOL

FOR DEGREE CANDIDATES

1. Applications for admission are reviewed on a rolling basis. Application deadlines are as followings:

Master's Programs: July 1 for Fall Term

December 1 for Spring Term

Doctoral Programs: August 31 for Jan. Residency

January 31 for June Residency

Applications received after these dates will continue to be reviewed on a space available basis.

2. When applying, please read carefully the list of items necessary for your application found in the CRCDS catalogue. In addition, please note the following:
 - There is non-refundable \$35 application fee. (This fee is not charged to auditors.)
 - You are responsible for requesting official academic transcripts. These transcripts should cover all post-secondary work, whether or not a degree was received.
 - Your signature is required on your application and also on the waiver portion of each individual recommendation form. Please be certain to note whether you do or do not waive your right to have access to the recommendations submitted on behalf of your application.
 - Recommendations should come from professors, work supervisors, pastors, or others who are able to objectively evaluate your ability to complete graduate level work. Please do not submit recommendations from family members or close friends.
3. In some instances the Admissions Committee may feel that it has insufficient information upon which to base its decision and may, therefore, request an interview with the applicant.

Personal Statement Instructions

As part of your application for admission, the Admissions Committee requests a personal statement that addresses your personal experiences and development, vocational goals, and your thoughts concerning issues for church and society. Your statement should be at least 4 typed, double-spaced pages in length and address the following questions, in either an essay or a question/answer format. The prescribed set of questions includes two topic areas.

Personal Experiences, Development and Vocational Goals

- Why have you chosen to apply at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School?
- What aspects of your educational experiences have been most stimulating and meaningful?
- What experiences have shaped your religious or spiritual convictions?
- What are your future personal, professional, and academic goals? (Please provide at least three goals for each area.)

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Church and Society

- What is your estimate of the significance and role of the church in these times?
- What do you believe to be the role and function of the ordained (or lay) ministry today, and how do you evaluate your own abilities to fulfill them?
- What are your convictions about one major social or political issue in public life? Please support your position with specific reasons and illustrations.

Doctoral Applicants Only

In addition to the above, applicants to the Doctor of Ministry program are required to provide a separate statement responding to the following:

- What is your anticipated area of focus for the thesis.
- Explain the ministry context in which the thesis focus is grounded and how that context will continue to nurture your doctoral studies and research.
- Why you think the Doctor of Ministry program at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School would be appropriate to your focus?
- Articulate three goals for intellectual growth as a D.Min. student.
- Identify objectives for attaining these goals and ways (other than GPA) in which intellectual growth will be assessed.

D.Min. applicants must also provide an additional sample of writing demonstrating their ability to engage in doctoral level academic writing. Academic papers, articles and other publications may meet this requirement.

If applying online, these documents may be scanned and emailed to [admissions @crcds.edu](mailto:admissions@crcds.edu).