APPLICANT’S CHECKLIST
This checklist is designed to assist you in applying for admission to the School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb University. All items on this checklist must be submitted by the applicant and received in the Office of Admissions by the application deadline.

The Master of Divinity Applicant – Requirements for Admission
- A bachelor’s degree or its educational equivalent from a regionally accredited college or university.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- A stated and demonstrated commitment to Christian ministry.
- Submission of application by August 1 for fall consideration or by January 1 for spring consideration.

Required Application Documentation
- Application form and $40 nonrefundable fee
- Pilgrimage Statement. The pilgrimage statement should address the applicant’s Christian journey, the applicant’s call to ministry, the applicant’s ministerial involvement and what the applicant hopes to gain from her/his Master of Divinity degree at Gardner-Webb University. The pilgrimage statement should be 3-4 typed, double-spaced pages. The applicant should pay careful attention to writing style, which is one way of demonstrating readiness for master’s level theological education
- Academic/Supervisor Reference Form
- Professional or Ministerial Reference Form
- Personal Reference Form
- Church Approval Form
- Immunization History Form
- Official Transcript: Official transcripts(s) should be sent to the Office of Admissions from all undergraduate and (if applicable) graduate institutions previously attended. A final transcript also is required upon completion of your undergraduate degree.

The Doctor of Ministry Applicant – Requirements for Admission
- Completion of the Master of Divinity degree or its educational equivalent from an ATS-accredited institution.
- A minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale in Master of Divinity studies.
- Three years of ministerial experience following the completion of the Master of Divinity degree.
- Placement in a full-time vocational ministry setting.
- Submission of application documentation by April 1 for fall consideration or by November 1 for spring consideration.

Required Application Documentation
- Application form and $40 nonrefundable fee
- Ministry Essay. The ministry essay should address the applicant’s Christian journey and call to ministry, the applicant’s ministerial history, the applicant’s ministerial goal, and what the applicant hopes to gain from her/his Doctor of Ministry degree at Gardner-Webb University. The ministry essay should be a 10-15 page typed essay.
- Academic/Supervisor Reference Form
- Professional or Ministerial Reference Form
- Personal Reference Form
- Church Approval Form
- Immunization History Form
- Official Transcripts: Official transcripts should be sent to the Office of Admissions from all undergraduate and graduate institutions previously attended.

In addition to the application items listed above, international applicants also are required to submit the following items prior to the application deadline:
1. Affidavit of Financial Support
2. Official International Academic Credential Evaluation, conducted by World Education Services, Inc.

To obtain additional information on these requirements, international applicants should contact the Office of Admissions at kharmo@gardner-webb.edu or 704.406.3205.

Mail application to: Director of Admissions, Graduate Admissions, Gardner-Webb University
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