Admissions

Although the Ph.D. admissions committee invites those with a background from a variety of fields of study and work experience, applicants who are most successful in earning a place to study in our Ph.D. in religion and practice program have:

- earned master’s degree in practical theology, religious education, pastoral ministry, religious studies, or related field from an accredited educational institution;
- a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or better in graduate studies (preferred);
- experience working in the field of religious education as a teacher, catechetical leader, youth minister, pastor, pastoral associate, diocesan leader, curriculum developer, etc.;
- a potential for making a strong contribution to the field of practical theology and religious education;
- a clear career path moving forward after graduation;
- strong writing and research capabilities.