Admissions

For the present admission cycle (Fall 2024), Admission to the Ph.D. in Religion and Practice has been suspended while changes to the program are considered.

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:

• an 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.
• potential for making a strong contribution to the field of practical theology and religious education
• a clear career path forward after graduation
• strong writing and research capabilities