

STATE OF NEBRASKA COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY
EDUCATION

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Procedures for Submitting the Application

1. Send the application form, fee, and any supporting materials to:

Executive Director
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
P.O. Box 95005
Lincoln, NE 68509-5005

OR

Submit the application via email to Kathleen Fimple at:
Kathleen.fimple@nebraska.gov, with the fee sent by U.S. mail.

2. A non-refundable [application fee](#) for the Commission's administrative costs shall be submitted with each application. Make checks payable to "Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education."
3. Clearly mark all supporting material for easy location by the reviewer.
4. The Commission may request additional information deemed necessary for an appropriate determination of compliance with the evaluation criteria.

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Date: April 29, 2025

Name of Institution: North Park Theological Seminary, a seminary of North Park University

Nebraska Street Address: Carol Joy Holling Camp, 27416 Ranch Road

City/State/Zip Code: Ashland, NE 68003

Web site for institution's location in Nebraska:

www.northpark.edu/seminary

Name of Contact Person: Laura Damiani

Title: Coordinator of Seminary Operations

Address if different than above: 3225 W Foster Ave, Chicago, IL 60625

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Name of Owner: North Park University

Mailing Address: 3225 W Foster Ave, Chicago, IL 60625

Corporate Address if different from above (if applicable): same as above

Please provide the information requested in sections 1 through 3.

1. Student Data: *2024-2025 academic year*

- Number of students enrolled in the institution in the Nebraska location (headcount and FTE): *Headcount is 7; FTE is 2.3*
- Number of students enrolled in each program offered in the Nebraska location (headcount and FTE): *All 7 students are pursuing the MACF degree.*
- Number of graduates from each program offered in the Nebraska location: *0 (we do not offer a complete program in Nebraska).*

2. Accreditation:

- Name of the body that accredits the institution: The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Secondary Schools.
- Status of institutional accreditation, including the date of the most recent accreditation and any required reports or actions:
 - February 2018 VOTED: To reaffirm the accreditation of North Park Theological Seminary for a period of ten years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2027, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2028. *[CVR delayed until spring 2028, with the period of accreditation to expire July 31, 2028 – per HH 12/12/2024]*

- To require the following reports addressing areas of needed improvement:
 - The report due by November 1, 2018, regarding significant progress in implementing the school's assessment plan, including (1) revision of current rubrics, (2) establishment of benchmarks for each measure, (3) evidence of how well the benchmarks for each degree program outcome are being met, (4) summary of how that assessment evidence has been used by faculty to improve each degree program, and (5) a discussion of how the school's assessment efforts and resulting changes have involved key constituencies, including trustees and appropriate leaders of the supporting denomination (Educational Standard, section ES.6.1, 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4). Failure to document significant progress will result in the imposition of Notation N9.c: *"The institution has not demonstrated the extent to which its students have met the learning outcomes appropriate for each degree program it offers or that its assessment efforts have led to improvement and there is no evidence of a credible plan or its implementation to address this issue in a timely and effective manner."* NOTE: Per section VII.E.3 of the Commission Policies and Procedures: "If the institution does not provide the requisite evidence [within two years of the notation being imposed], the Board of Commissioners shall take an adverse action (i.e., withdraw accreditation)..."
 - To require a report by November 1, 2019, regarding two areas: progress in institutional planning and evaluation, with special attention to adding measurable benchmarks to institutional initiatives, with timelines and assigned areas of responsibility, and evidence about how well each initiative is being accomplished, as well as regular evaluation of all personnel, including the board, administration, full-time and adjunct faculty, and staff (Standard 1, section 1.2.2); and (2) evidence that the school's plan for the assessment of student learning has been fully implemented, including a summary of any revisions to the plan since the November 2018 progress report, as well as any additional changes made as a result of continued collection and analysis of assessment data for each degree program. The second part of the report should show how the current assessment plan is simple, sustainable, and sufficient to answer fundamental questions about educational effectiveness (Educational Standard, section ES.6.1, 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4).
 - To require a report by November 1, 2020, regarding progress in achieving a financially sustainable economic and educational model that is sufficient to accomplish the school's mission (Standard 8, section 8.2). The report should include the most recent audit and management letter for the university, along with an analysis of those documents with implications for the seminary, as well as five-year budget projections for the seminary.
- February 2019: VOTED
 - To accept with commendation the report required in February 2018 regarding significant progress in implementing the school's assessment plan.

- To confirm that resources are available and appropriate to offer the complete MA in Christian Ministry at Stateville Correctional Center (16830 Rte 53, Crest Hill, IL 60403).
- To take action regarding the following area of needed improvement:
 - To require a report by October 1, 2020, to confirm that a permanent collection policy for the library has been approved and that the Stateville theological library has reached a sufficient and focused collection appropriate to this setting (Standard 4, section 4.1.1; Standard 4, section 4.1.2; Standard B, section B.3.1.5).
 - To confirm that resources are available and appropriate to offer the complete MDiv, MA in Christian Formation, and MA in Christian Ministry degrees at Mission Springs Camps and Conference Center (1050 Lockhart Gulch Rd, Scotts Valley, CA 95066).
- November 2019 STAFF ACTION: to accept the report on (1) progress in institutional planning and evaluation and (2) evidence that the school's plan for the assessment of student learning has been fully implemented, as meeting the requirements from the February 2018 Board action. The seminary is to be commended for creating "a culture of planning and assessment" that needs to be sustained to help the school better achieve its mission.
- November 2020 STAFF ACTION: to accept the report regarding finances as meeting the requirements from the February 2018 Board action.
- *Please see Supporting Documents Institutional Accreditation*
- A list of all programmatic accreditations: MDiv, MACM, MACF, MATS, MARJM, and DMin.
- Status of all programmatic accreditations, including the date of the most recent accreditation, including the date of the most recent accreditation and any required reports or actions:
 - February 2018: To approve the following degree programs:
 Master of Divinity
 Master of Arts in Christian Formation [Professional MA]
 Master of Arts in Christian Ministry [Professional MA]
 Master of Arts (Theological Studies) [Academic MA]
 Doctor of Ministry*
 *NOTE: The Doctor of Ministry in Preaching is approved by virtue of affiliation with the Association of Chicago Theological Schools, and the Doctor of Ministry in Urban Ministry is approved as a consortial program with Fuller Theological Seminary.
 - September 2022: MARJM degree program added.
 - *Please see Supporting Documents Programmatic Accreditations*

3. Financial Soundness and Ability to Fulfill Commitments to Students

- The most recent audited financial statements for the Nebraska location and a copy of the management letter: *please see Supporting Documents NPU Financial Statement with Independent Auditors' Report*
- Tuition and fees for the most recent academic year or term:
Tuition for the 2024-2025 academic year is \$620.00 per credit hour.
Fees include:
 - Audit Fee: \$50.00 per credit hour
 - Community Service Fee (for students enrolled in 5 credit hours or more per semester: \$500.00
 - First-year Psychological testing fee: \$425.00
 - Field Education Internship Experiences: \$200.00 per credit hour
 - Thesis Fee: \$300.00
 - Comprehensive Fee: \$16.00 per credit hour
 - Graduation Fee: \$150.00*-Tuition and fee amounts are listed on the seminary's website and updated as they change and can be found at: <https://www.northpark.edu/seminary/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/tuition-and-fees/>*
- Copy of the Title IV Program participation Agreement with the US Department of Education (for institutions participating in federal financial aid programs) or a copy of the tuition refund policy if not participating in Title IV: *please see Supporting Documents Title IV PPA.*
- Student loan default rates for the Nebraska location: *the loan default rate is 0% as all of these students participate in a sponsor billing program.*
- Relationship between the hours of instruction and the credits awarded: *1 credit hour = 1 hour/week of instruction for 15 weeks.*

For sections 4 through 10:

- If there has been no change on an item, including all portions of multiple part items, since you last reported the specified information to the Commission, check the box in the left-hand column and go to the next item.
- If there has been a change, note the change on the application or provide an attachment describing the change.



4. Legal Status of the Institution

- a. Nonprofit (please provide documents of incorporation, and if available §501 (c) (3) status documentation, that provide business name and address; names, titles, and business addresses of all principals in the business)
- b. For-profit (please provide documents of incorporation or other legal documents that provide business name and address; names, titles, and business addresses of all principals in the business)

Is ownership:

proprietorship, partnership, corporation?

Has the business, a principal officer in the business, or a shareholder with 25% or more ownership interest in the business filed for bankruptcy during the preceding five years?

yes no



5. Program/s Offered

- The program title/s and associated award/s (degree, diploma, certificate)
- Curriculum description/s
- Any licensure or certification requirements for the field/s
- Admission requirements



6. Quality of Faculty

- Number of faculty teaching in the program/s: *current number is 11 full-time faculty.*
- Qualifications of each faculty member (vitae, resume, or other biographical information): no change.



7. Library and Support Services

- Library and learning resources
- Written agreements with local libraries regarding shared resources
- Agreements with online libraries or data sources
- Support services for students such as academic or career advising
- Instructional equipment



8. Facilities

- The street address of any location where instruction takes place if different from the location listed on page 2
- Street address of the administrative offices if different from instructional location or corporate office listed on page 2
- Copies of leases or facility use agreements



9. Affiliations and Transfer of Credits

- Any articulation agreements with Nebraska postsecondary institutions
- Any other affiliations with Nebraska postsecondary institutions regarding the transfer of credits, joint use of faculty or facilities, or other supportive relationships
- Any other affiliations or agreements for student activities such as internships, clinical placements, student teaching or observation, etc.

10. Other Information

The institution may provide any other information not requested above that is relevant to its renewal application.