

# APPLICATION PROCEDURES



You have just made the first step in your journey here at Nyack College. We are looking forward to receiving your application. Please use this as a guide to help you complete your application. Each piece of information we receive is carefully reviewed as we seek to help you discern God's calling.

## PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST AS YOU COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION:

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed and signed application with \$30 non-refundable application fee.
- Christian Experience Statement.
- Essay Questions (Short Answer Response).
- Pastoral Reference from an individual whom the applicant has known for at least one year and is not a relative.
- Academic Reference from a professor who can accurately assess the applicant's ability to successfully complete a graduate-level program.
- Second Academic Reference (if out of school for more than 5 years, a professional reference can be submitted).
- Official undergraduate transcript. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a GPA of 3.0 or higher is required. In order to certify academic eligibility, students need to have an official transcript from the college or university that awarded the degree sent to the Graduate Admissions Office. Request official transcripts to be mailed to Admissions, 1 South Blvd., Nyack, NY 10960. Electronic transcripts can be sent from the Registrar's Office to [admissions.grad@nyack.edu](mailto:admissions.grad@nyack.edu) or submitted through Parchment or eScrip-Safe. International transcripts must be submitted to World Education Services.
- GRE taken within the last five years. Minimum scores required: 153 Verbal, 150 Quantitative, 4.5 Writing. Students must have official GRE score sent to the Nyack College Graduate Admissions Office. For further information about the GRE and how to prepare for the test visit: [www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre).
- Successful completion of the proficiency examination in Biblical Hebrew.
- Writing sample. A full paper that reflects student's writing ability should be submitted. Examples include, but are not limited to, an honor's thesis, a research proposal or a term paper for a class. A research-based paper in the field is preferable, but not required.
- Immunization Records. Documentation of appropriate vaccination for measles, mumps, and rubella must be provided in accordance with the New York State Health Regulations for colleges.

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### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

*Complete the requirements for your desired program and submit the following additional requirements:*

- TOEFL score: 213 CBT or 83 IBT School Code: 2560
- International Bachelors Degree Transcript submitted to World Education Services
- Affidavit of Support
- Visa and Passport copies for you and any family members moving with you

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### AUDIT STUDENT

- Completed and Signed Application
- \$10.00 Non-Refundable Application Fee

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*The Graduate Admissions Office reserves the right to request a personal interview with any applicant.*

## COMPUTER LITERACY

Students in the Graduate programs will use an online environment for a portion of their learning. Technology skills are necessary for successful completion of the program. Applicants to the program should be able to: send and receive e-mail, open or send an e-mail attachment, conduct research using the Internet, use Microsoft Word, and download files. Students are required to have access to a computer and the Internet.

## NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY

Nyack College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, age, sex, or handicap in admission, participation, or employment in campus programs or activities. The programs are operated in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 506 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, and all other relevant statutes and regulations.

## CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE STATEMENT

Please type a Christian Experience Statement in 1-2 pages, using the following two questions as a guideline. Please include your name, address, phone number, date of birth, and program for which you are applying at the top of your essay.

1. *Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? Describe your spiritual journey, aspects of your personal faith and present pattern of personal growth as a Christian.*
2. *Present a personal biography including a discussion of significant events and influences which have helped develop your present values and approach to life. What is God's call upon your life? How do you see Nyack College fitting into God's call on your life? What do you visualize your ministry/profession looking like five years after graduation? Include any additional information you would like to mention if you were talking to us personally about your calling and ministry goals.*

## ESSAY QUESTIONS

Your answers to the questions below will help us get to know you and evaluate your writing skills. Please type your answer in 1-5 complete sentences on a separate page. Please include your name, address, phone number, date of birth, and program for which you are applying at the top of your essay.

1. *As you consider this program, what are two things about yourself that will be helpful for its successful completion? Describe them and tell how you learned about them.*
2. *Describe one thing about yourself that may be an obstacle to your academic studies and how you learned about it.*
3. *Would you describe yourself as self-disciplined? What impact does that have on your devotional life, reading and pattern of study?*
4. *Other than the Bible, what is a recent book that you have read? What is one concept from that book that challenged your way of thinking?*
5. *In your opinion, how do you relate to others who hold decidedly different views?*
6. *What is the most significant role that the church plays within contemporary society?*
7. *What is your understanding of how Scriptures apply to contemporary life and ministry?*
8. *On a scale of 0 - 4 (0 being the lowest, 4 being the highest), rate your knowledge of Biblical content. What aspect/part of the Bible are you most excited about exploring in depth?*
9. *At Nyack we consider the study of people and culture to be important. Describe a lesson you have learned from an experience you had of relating to someone from a background different from your own.*
10. *How does your community (i.e. family, church, etc.) view your decision to pursue graduate education at Nyack College?*