

Academic Session: 2025 to 2026

Application Fee Receipt No.

EASTERN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Affiliated to Serampore College (University)

Rajabari, Jorhat 785014

Assam, INDIA

Website: www.easterntheologicalcollege.edu.in

Last Date of Submission: 6th January 2025



Application for Admission to **THE MASTER OF THEOLOGY (MTH)**

(Postgraduate degree programme of two academic years recognized by the Senate of Serampore College)

Application for admission to Master of Theology (M.Th.) in (Branch of Study):

- ☐ **New Testament**
- ☐ **Christian Theology**
- ☐ **History of Christianity**
- ☐ **Christian Ministry (Tick the area of specialization below in which the applicant is seeking admission)**
 - ☐ **Christian Education**
 - ☐ **Pastoral Counselling**

Name of the Applicant (In CAPITAL letters)

Admission Requirements for Master of Theology

1. A person who has passed the B.D. examination of the Senate of Serampore College in First or Second Class with B Grade (57.5% and above) and has passed at least 2 papers in the department for which admission is sought and obtained B+ Grade (62.5% and above) average in the Cluster, including the optional papers, under which the candidate plans to do MTh course. Or a candidate who has passed the MTh qualifying examination of the Senate of Serampore College.
2. A candidate must have at least one year of practical experience in some field of Christian service after passing the BD or its equivalent theological degree. However, women candidates are exempted from this rule.

Language Requirements

New Testament

The candidates should have passed at least two Greek Exegetical Papers at BD Level (other than preliminary Greek), with a minimum of B+ average Grade (62.5% and above).

Christian Theology

A candidate should have passed one exegetical paper in either Hebrew or Greek.

History of Christianity and Christian Ministry

For these branches, no Biblical or Classical language is required for admission. However, candidates must have good knowledge of the English language expected from a postgraduate scholar.

N.B.: Preference may be given for M.Th. admission to students who have written theses at the B.D. Level.

ATA M.Div. graduates who have successfully completed qualifying examinations conducted by the Senate may apply for M.Th.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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passport size
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SECTION A: PARTICULARS OF THE APPLICANT

1. **Name of the Applicant** (In CAPITAL letters)

2. **Gender** (Tick one) ☐ Male ☐ Female 3. **Date of Birth** (Day).....(Month).....(Year).....

3. **Aadhar No.**.....

4. **Place of Birth** (City/Town/Village).....(Dist).....
(Pin Code).....(State).....(Country).....

5. **Mother Tongue**.....

6. **Marital Status** (Tick one) ☐ Married ☐ Not Married Name of Spouse (If
married)..... No. of Children (If any).....

If married, do you plan to apply for student family housing? (Tick one) ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. **Father's Name**..... **Mother's Name**.....

8. **Present Address** (house no./street/locality).....
(City/Town/Village).....(Dist).....
(PinCode).....(State).....(Country).....

9. **Permanent Postal Address** (if different from above).....
(City/Town/Village).....(Dist).....
(Pin Code).....(State).....(Country).....

10. **Phone No**..... 13. **Email**.....

11. **Tribe/Community**..... 15. **Nationality**.....

12. **Church Membership**

a) Specific Denomination.....

b) Name of Church.....

c) Name of Association.....

13. **Are you applying for admission to any other institution/seminary/college?** (Tick one) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where?.....

SECTION B: ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

14. Educational Qualifications

<i>Examination Passed</i>	<i>School/College</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>Year of Passing</i>	<i>Class/Division</i>
HSLC				
B.Th				
BA/MA Or Equivalent				
BD				
Any Other				

15. Papers Completed in the Branch of Study for Which Admission is Sought

<i>Paper Code</i>	<i>Name of Paper</i>	<i>Marks Obtained</i>

16. Language/Exegetical paper/s completed

<i>Paper Code</i>	<i>Name of Paper</i>	<i>Marks Obtained</i>

SECTION C: MINISTERIAL OR OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

17. Experience in Ministry (The most recent)

a) Nature of Work.....

b) Position.....c) Ordination (Tick one) ☐ Ordained ☐ Not Ordained

d) Name and Address of Employer.....

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e) Duration of Service (specify day or month and year)From.....till.....

SECTION D: SPONSORSHIP

18. How will your study be funded?.....

19. Name and Address of Sponsor (If you are sponsored)

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.....24. Nature of Sponsorship (Tick one) ☐ Full ☐ Partial

20. Have you applied for any scholarship? (Tick one) ☐ Yes ☐ No

21. If yes, name the organization/agency/body/source to which you have applied

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SECTION E: REFERENCES

22. Give the name, address, phone number and email ID of two referees. One referee must be your pastor, spiritual mentor or a pastoral colleague, and another must be a theological teacher who taught you during your BD or equivalent studies who can assess your academic ability. Give a copy of the appropriate Reference Form to the referees and instruct them to return the references directly to: the Principal, Eastern Theological College.

a) Pastoral Referee

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone No.....Email.....

b) Academic Referee

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone No.....Email.....

SECTION F: DECLARATION

I..... do here by declare that all the information given above is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information given above may lead to disqualification for admission. If granted admission, I agree to observe all rules and regulations of Eastern Theological College and maintain good Christian conduct on and off campus.

Date.....

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Signature of the Applicant

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please fill out this form completely and legibly. If something does not apply, write “N/A” on the line.
2. Distribute the Pastoral Reference and Academic Reference forms provided with this admission form to the appropriate referees, requesting them to return the references directly to Eastern Theological College.
3. Provide the following documents along with this form:
 - a) Two recent passport-size photos
 - b) A copy of the 10th class Admit Card and Mark Sheet, 12th class mark sheet, Bachelors and Masters Mark Sheet (or B.Th. Transcript if you did B.Th. studies) and two copies of BD Transcript.
 - c) Migration Certificate if you are coming from a university or college outside the ambit of the Senate of Serampore College/University. Original documents must be produced at the time of admission and registration.
 - d) Character certificate or letter of recommendation from your church pastor.
 - e) Your personal testimony about your faith in 1-2pages.
 - f) A tentative Thesis Proposal (See page 9)
 - g) A Demand Draft of Rs 1,000 Application Fee favouring **Eastern Theological College**. Applications without payment of the Application Fee will not be considered.

Alternatively, the applicant may make an online payment and enclose the Receipt along with the Application form:

A/c Name: Eastern Theological College

A/c No.: 30985035393

IFSC: SBIN0004460

Type of AC: SB

State Bank of India, K.B. Road, Gar-Ali, Jorhat-785006, Assam

CASH enclosure in the envelope while submitting the Application Form is strictly prohibited.

4. If you are short-listed for the Entrance Examination, you will be informed by mail, SMS or WhatsApp. Hard-copy letters will not be sent. The list of department-recommended books for the Entrance Examination is given at the end of this form.
5. The date of the Entrance Examination for the 2025-2026 session has been fixed to be conducted on **6th & 7th February 2025**. The Entrance Examinations for M.Th. is usually conducted at the Eastern Theological College campus.
6. The completed Application Form for Admission, along with all the required academic documents, Medical Fitness Certificate and Demand Draft, must be sent to:

Principal
Eastern Theological College
Rajabari, Jorhat 785014, Assam, INDIA
7. A non-refundable fee of Rs 10,000/- will be charged from applicants granted admission. This amount will be adjusted with college fees during admission, but those applicants who do not join the college will forfeit the amount.



MEDICAL FITNESS CERTIFICATE

For candidates seeking admission to Master of Theology

(To be signed by a registered medical practitioner holding a degree not below that of M.B.B.S.)

I do hereby certify that I have examined Miss/Mr/Mrs/Rev

.....son/ daughter of..... whose signature is given below.

Based on the examination, I certify that he/she is not suffering from any disease, communicable or otherwise, constitutional weakness or physical or mental infirmity which may interfere with his/her studies including the physical activities required of a college student.

1) Blood Group.....

2) Height.....ft in

3) Weight.....kg

4) Marks of Identification.....

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Signature of the Applicant

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Signature of the Medical Officer

(Seal)

Name of the Doctor:.....

Registration No:.....

Address:.....

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*Strike out whichever is not applicable

PASTORAL REFERENCE

Please return this form directly to:

Principal
Eastern Theological College
Rajabari, Jorhat 785014
Assam, India

Phone: 08011117820



Section 1: To be completed by the applicant

Miss/Mr/Mrs/Rev (name of applicant).....has applied
for admission to the Master of Theology in the field of..... at
Eastern Theological College, Jorhat, Assam.

Section 2: To be completed by the referee

The above-named applicant is seeking admission to the Master of Theology programme at ETC and has nominated you as a pastoral referee. Thank you for your assistance in this important phase of the applicant's life.

How long have you known the applicant?.....

In what capacity have you known the applicant?.....

Please give your evaluation of the applicant by ticking to the right of each characteristic listed:

	Characteristics	Fair	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
A	Commitment to Christ				
B	Christian character				
C	Dependability				
D	Leadership				
E	Creativity/Imagination				
F	Ability to accept criticism				
G	Friendliness/Compatibility with peers				
H	Emotional Stability				
I	Interpersonal relationship				

How do you recommend this applicant to Eastern Theological College? (Tick one)

☐ Do not recommend ☐ Recommend with reservations ☐ Strongly recommend

Your Name.....Date.....

Title or Designation.....

Address.....

(City/Town/Village).....(Dist).....

(Pin Code).....(State).....(Country).....

Date: _____

Place _____

ACADEMIC REFERENCE

Please return this form directly to:

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Eastern Theological College
Rajabari, Jorhat 785014
Assam, India

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How long have you known the applicant?.....

In what capacity have you known the applicant?.....

Please give your evaluation of the applicant by ticking to the right of each characteristic listed:

	Characteristics	Fair	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
A	Academic aptitude				
B	Written communication in English				
C	Oral communication in English				
D	Diligence in study				
E	Leadership				
F	Creativity/Imagination				
G	Friendliness/Compatibility with peers				
H	Emotional Stability				
I	Interpersonal relationship				

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☐ Recommend with reservations

☐ Strongly recommend

Your Name.....Date.....

Title or Designation.....

Address.....

(City/Town/Village).....(Dist).....

(Pin Code).....(State).....(Country).....

Date: _____

Place: _____

TENTATIVE THESIS PROPOSAL

Write in about 200 words your proposed area of research for your M.Th. studies

Use the space below for the same

(Use additional sheet if required)

Recommended Books/Articles for M.Th. Entrance Examination 2026

New Testament

Jamir, Menjiwapong. "Ecological Dimension of Eschatology in 2 Peter 3:1-13." *SATHRI Journal: A Journal of Contextual Theology*, XVI, No. 1 (April 2022): 82-97.

Lasetso, Razouselie. "The Widow's Giving (Mk 12:41-44) as the Ultimate Case Against Israel's Apostasy: A Narrative and Exegetical Analysis. *SATHRI Journal: A Journal of Contextual Theology*, XV, No. 2 (October 2021): 64-81.

Malina, Bruce J. *The New Testament World: Insights from Cultural Anthropology*. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1981.

Moyise, Steve. *Jesus and Scripture: Studying the New Testament Use of the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerAcademic, 2011).

Translation: Gospel of John, Chapters 1-4.

Christian Theology

Grenz, Stanley J. and Roger E. Olson. *20th Century Theology: God and the World in a Transitional Age*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1992. (pp. 65-77; 114-130)

James, Lovely Awomi. *Tribal Theology: Reviewing the Naga Traditional Worldview New*. Christian Heritage Rediscovered, 48. Delhi: Christian World Imprints, 2017 (pp. 127-48).

Vashum, Yangkahao. *Faith Seeking Transformation: Rethinking Faith, Theology and Mission in North East India*. Delhi: Christian World Imprints 2020. (Chaps. 1-3)

Shimray, Shimreingam L. *Public Theology: Religion, Human Rights and Politics*. Ukhrul: Shiren Publication, 2016 (pp. 201-26)

Select Any One from the Following:

1. Longchar, Wati. *Returning to Mother Earth: Theology, Christian Witness and Theological Education – an Indigenous Perspective*, PTCA Series, 4. Tainan: PTCA/SCEPTRE, 2012 (pp. 69-128)
2. Pui-lan, Kwok. *Postcolonial Imagination and Feminist Theology*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2006.
3. Thanzauva, K. *Theology of Community: Tribal Theology in the Making*. Bangalore: Asian Trading Corporation, 2004.

4. Wilfred, Felix. *Margins: Site of Asian Theologies*. Delhi: ISPCK, 2008.

History of Christianity

Bendangtemjen, *Christian Unity in North East India: Challenges and Prospects*. Delhi: Christian World Imprint, 2019.

Imchen, Narola. *Issues in Modern Historiography*. Delhi: ISPCK, 2012.

James, Woba. *History of Christianity in India: A Reader*. Delhi: Christian World Imprint, 2019.

Webster, John C.B. *An Introduction to History*. Delhi: Macmillan India Ltd, 1981.

Christian Ministry (Education)

Basumatary, Shyam Kumar. *An Integrative Model of Christian Education in Postcolonial Perspective: A Subaltern Approach*. Delhi: Christian World Imprint, 2023. (pp. 119-148)

Paulus, Vimala. *Introducing Christian Education. Bangalore: The Church of South India*, 1993.(chaps.1-3)

Sema, Akheto. *Understanding the Nature and Purpose of Christian Religious Education*. Delhi: ISPCK, 2011. (chapter1- 3)

Seymour, Jack L. and Donald E. Miller. *Contemporary Approaches to Christian Education*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1982. (pp. 11-34)

Longkumer, Limatula. *Christian Education for Transformation: Foundations, Approaches, Effective Teaching*. Kolkata: ESPACE, 2017.

Christian Ministry (Counselling)

Kath, Phanenmo. *Families in Crisis: Pastoral Care and Family Counselling Models*. Delhi: Christian World Imprints, 2020.

Ezung S. Ekonhung. *Disability and Caregiving: A Pastoral Care and Counselling Perspective*. Delhi: Christian World Imprints Christian, 2022. (pp.23-50,159-221)

Burnabas, Daniel. *A Text Book on Pastoral Care and Counselling*. Delhi: Christian World Imprints, 2021. (pp. 149-170)

Clinebell, Howard. *Basic Types of Pastoral Care and Counseling: Resources for the Ministry of Healing and Growth*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1984. (pp. 189-250)

Kumar, K.P. Saji. *Counselling and Indian Approach*. Delhi: Christian World Imprints, 2021. (pp. 91-121).

Note: Read the selected books, chapters, and articles as indicated against each Branch in the list of recommended readings.