

Application for Admission

Cohort 5: October 2024-June 2026

Thank you for your interest in The Studion School for Spiritual Direction. The application process includes:

- This application form
- A non-refundable \$150 application fee*
- Two reference forms
- An interview

More information about fees, dates, and course requirements can be found on our [website](#).

To submit this application form, please return it via email as a PDF.

The application deadline is **June 30, 2024**.

*The application fee will be waived for applications submitted prior to **May 30**. The application fee can be paid by e-transfer to thestudionschool@gmail.com.

Reference forms should be completed by two people who know you well, with one being a pastor or ministry leader in your faith community or your spiritual director. Reference forms can be submitted via email or your references may fill out the form online with this link:

<https://forms.gle/UM9h2d8TLaeP2Q9n8>

Once the application and application fee are submitted, you will be contacted for an interview.

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Applicant Information:

Name:

Email:

Street Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Date of Birth:

Application Questions:

Please respond to the following questions on a separate page. Number and double-space your answers. Submit your responses, along with this application form, as a **pdf with your first and last name as the file name** to thestudionschool@gmail.com.

The questions that follow are intended to allow us to get to know you, but they are also a way for you to reflect on your life, your faith journey, and your readiness for training in spiritual direction.

1. What are your current life circumstances? (Employment, family life, etc.)
2. Tell the story of your faith/spiritual development. The following questions can help activate your thinking, remembering, and focus. You do not need to answer each one. *What are the beginnings and roots of your life with God? What are some of the significant events and turning points? Who has influenced you? How have your spiritual gifts, special interests and passions developed? How have you been shaped? How has your image of God, self, others, and the world, changed? What kind of healing have you found? What world events have influenced your faith and spiritual growth?*

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Application Questions (Continued):

3. Describe your present spiritual practices (prayer, rituals, community life, service, journaling, dream work, social justice, receiving spiritual direction, etc.) and how they benefit you.
4. Describe your relationship and belonging to a faith community. How do you benefit the community; how does it benefit you?
5. Describe your educational (formal/informal) background in such things as theology, scripture, spirituality, psychology, the fine arts, and discernment.
6. At present, are you receiving spiritual direction? If so, how long have you been seeing a spiritual director?
7. What is your understanding of the ministry of spiritual direction? What is your attraction to this training and ministry?
8. How did you hear about The Studion? What attracts you to this program? In taking this training, how do you hope to grow? What do you hope to gain?
9. All things considered (financial, life-situation, health, family, stage of life), tell us about your readiness to engage in this course of study. Please make reference to the kind of support you can count on from friends, family and your faith community. Looking ahead, is there anything that might keep you from completing this two-year program?

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference form. Completed forms can be returned via email to thestudionschool@gmail.com. There is also the option of completing the form online using this link: [Reference Form](#).

Name of Applicant:

Your Name:

Your Phone Number:

Your Email:

Spiritual Direction has been defined as “helping a person directly with his or her relationship with God.” The ministry of Spiritual Direction is primarily about prayerful accompaniment, helping people sort through the questions: “Who is God for me? And who am I for God?” Please answer the following question with these descriptors in mind. Attach an extra page if needed.

What is your relationship with the applicant?

How would you describe the applicant’s spiritual life and relationship to God?

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What ministry skills and spiritual gifts does the applicant have that may be applicable in the context of Spiritual Direction?

How would you describe the applicant's interpersonal manner?

Do you think there are any reasons this applicant should not be admitted to this program for the training of spiritual directors?