



# SHEPHERDS' SEMINARY

A F R I C A

Training Men to Shepherd God's Flock

*Please attach a recent colour photograph of yourself here*

## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete this form using black ink and write legibly.

Complete the application in full, date, and sign it.

Submit the application along with all supporting documents to Shepherds' Seminary Africa using one of the following means:

- In person
- By mail (we do not recommend using ordinary mail; please use a courier and make copies of all documents you send)
- By email (preferred method; please keep the original and submit upon first contact)

Please send applications and supporting documents to:

Admissions: Shepherds' Seminary Africa  
PO Box 861  
Fontainebleau  
Randburg  
2032  
Gauteng  
South Africa

Or

[admissions@shepherdsafrica.co.za](mailto:admissions@shepherdsafrica.co.za)

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please use the application Checklist provided.

**Application deadline:** 30 September, in the year before the cohort begins

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#### Notice of Confidentiality

All information provided in this application will be kept strictly confidential in accordance with South African law.

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full names and last name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as they appear on your RSA ID or Passport)

RSA ID number: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(yyyy/mm/dd)

Country of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Current residential address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different from above)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent residential address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different from current residential address)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (primary): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (secondary): \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a criminal offense? **Yes** **No**

If Yes, please give a brief explanation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever used illegal drugs? **Yes** **No**

If Yes, please give a brief explanation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been under church discipline? **Yes** **No**

If Yes, please give a brief explanation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your general health: (Please select one)

**Excellent** **Good** **Average** **Poor**

Please list any medical conditions you believe Shepherds' Seminary Africa should be aware of and/or may impede your ability to complete the Shepherds' Seminary Africa programme or affect your future ministry:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your first/home language: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your ability in the English language:

<i>Speak</i>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Weak</b>
<i>Read</i>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Weak</b>
<i>Write</i>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Weak</b>

Please submit the following two short essays:

1. My Testimony of Faith in Christ
2. Why I want to attend Shepherds' Seminary Africa.

Each of these essays must be typed, 12pt font, single spaced, 1-3 pages each. They must be edited for spelling and grammar. Please number the pages and put your name on each page.

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Marital status: (Please select the appropriate options)

**Single** **Engaged** **Married** **Widowed** **Divorced**  
**Separated** **Remarried**

If you are Divorced, Separated, or Remarried, please give a brief explanation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse/fiancée: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your spouse/fiancée been previously married?     **Yes**     **No**

If Yes, please give a brief explanation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children?     **Yes**     **No**

If Yes, please list the names and ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children born out of wedlock?     **Yes**     **No**

Do you have children with more than one woman?     **Yes**     **No**

Briefly describe your relationship with your wife: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your relationship with your children: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## CHARACTER INFORMATION

The purpose of Shepherds' pastoral ministry programme is to train pastors and elders to serve the church of Jesus Christ. According to Scripture, only men of suitable qualification may fulfill such leadership roles within the church (1 Tim 2:12; 3:1-13; 2 Tim 2:2; Titus 1:5-9). Therefore:

- Only men may apply for admission to our programme.
- Only men who meet the biblical criteria for eldership may be admitted into our programme.

Please read the Scriptures listed above and evaluate yourself using the following:

Husband of one wife; devoted to his wife alone	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Temperate; self-controlled, not given to excess	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Prudent; self-disciplined	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Respectable; systematic and orderly life, not chaotic	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Hospitable; showing kindness to strangers	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Able to teach; a gifted teacher of God's Word	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Not addicted to wine; does not have a reputation as a drinker	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Not pugnacious; not quick tempered or given to violence	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Gentle; self-controlled, gracious treatment of others	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Peacable; does not like to argue	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Free from the love of money; not covetous	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Manages his own household well; maintains a godly family	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Keeping his children under control with all dignity	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Not a new convert; a mature believer	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Good reputation with those outside the church	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Weak

If you have selected Average, Fair, or Weak for any of the above, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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## EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Please list your employment history over the last 10 years, starting with your current employment.

Name of employer/organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/duties: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates employed: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of employer/organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/duties: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates employed: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of employer/organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/duties: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates employed: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position/duties: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates employed: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

### DOCTRINAL INFORMATION

Please read the Shepherds' Seminary Africa Doctrinal Statement.

Are there any areas with which you do not agree and/or have not yet formed an opinion and/or are unsure of?    **Yes**    **No**

If Yes, please indicate which areas these are: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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### MINISTRY INFORMATION

Name of the church where you are a member: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the church where you are a member: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Denominational affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a member at this church? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the church where you currently attend, if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the church: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Denominational affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been attending this church? \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly describe your experience in Christian ministry (including your current ministry involvement) starting with most recent first?

Ministry description: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/organisation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of service: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry description: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/organisation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of service: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry description: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/organisation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of service: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Did you graduate from High School?    **Yes**    **No**

Please list in chronological order (most recent first) all academic institutions you have attended:



Name of institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualification received: \_\_\_\_\_ Accredited degree? **Yes** **No**

Name of institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualification received: \_\_\_\_\_ Accredited degree? **Yes** **No**

Name of institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualification received: \_\_\_\_\_ Accredited degree? **Yes** **No**

Are you currently registered in an undergraduate or graduate programme? **Yes** **No**

If Yes, at what institution? \_\_\_\_\_ Programme? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you complete this programme before attending Shepherds? **Yes** **No**

If No, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been refused admission to, suspended by, or expelled from an institution?

**Yes** **No**

If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How do you plan to finance your studies at Shepherds' Seminary Africa? \_\_\_\_\_

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## REFERENCES

Please provide the details of the three references to whom you will give the reference forms that must accompany your application. All references should know you well and be able to answer the questions asked on the reference forms. References may not be related to you.

### Pastoral Reference

This should be a pastor at your church. If you are the pastor of the church, this must be another pastor who knows you or an elder in your church.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Church Leader Reference

This should be an elder or deacon at your church.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Employer Reference

This should be your current/most recent employer.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION AGREEMENT

I hereby certify that all information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Further, I certify that I have personally completed the application and that all supporting documents are true and correct.

Further, by submitting this application (1) I agree to inform Shepherds' Seminary Africa of any change in my marital status, and (2) I agree to inform Shepherd's Seminary Africa of any change in my suitability and qualification for ministry.

Further, by submitting this application I confirm that I have read the Shepherds' Seminary Africa Doctrinal Statement and understand that the training I receive at the Seminary will be based on it. I confirm that I will not be contentious with regard to the doctrine of the seminary and will not seek to make converts to my own doctrinal views where they differ to the Seminary's.

Further, by submitting this application I confirm that I have read the Shepherds' Seminary Catalogue and that I will submit to the spirit and letter of all standards and regulations contained in it.

Name and Surname of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Do not submit your application without the following:

- Photograph
- Essay: My Testimony of Faith in Christ
- Essay: Why I Want to Attend Shepherds' Seminary Africa
- Copy of ID document/Passport
- Copy of High School Certificate
- Official Transcripts from Academic Institutions
- Reference forms submitted to references