

St. Paul Christian University  
Admissions & Qualifying Questions

**Degree Studies Admissions**

Prospective students will create a narrative answer to these questions as part of their admissions application

<b>CAPS—College of Accelerated Pastoral Studies</b>
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**Biblical Counseling**

Undergraduate Admissions Questions

- How does counseling enhance one's spiritual formation?
- How do I know I am being an ethical counselor?
- How can forgiveness facilitate conflict management?
- What conditions need to be present for a client to benefit from trauma and grief counseling?

Graduate Admissions Questions

- What kind of counselor is Jesus?
- What happens if there is no pathway from rejection?

Doctoral Admissions Questions

- How do I know when others and I are getting overloaded?
- How does the Word convey love?

**Contemporary Parish Leadership**

Undergraduate Admissions Questions

- How does Don Lacy's life model ecumenism?
- What do different research methods tell me about a congregation?
- What does the "fruit I bear" do for others?
- What are the freedoms and limitations of different faith communities' politics in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?

Graduate Admissions Questions

- How do I remove obstacles that hinder others and me living Jesus' values?
- How do I stay true to my call?

Doctoral Admissions Questions

- How do I encourage those around me to "make the leap?"
- How does connectionalism facilitate delivering ministry to local mission fields?

## **Scriptural Applications**

### Undergraduate Admissions Questions

- How do I resist “older brother” reactions?
- How do I keep a ready and receptive spirit?
- Where do I find Jesus in the Old Testament?
- How do I help others be comfortable with Jesus’ subversive speech as it addresses contemporary issues?

### Graduate Admissions Questions

- What are some overlooked instructions in the parables?
- How do I keep connected with the Holy Spirit?

### Doctoral Admissions Questions

- How do others know I have the mind of Christ?
- What are distinct about generational blessings?

<b>CARE—College of Accelerated Religious Education</b>
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## **Christian Education**

### Undergraduate Admissions Questions

- How is my teaching connected with apostolic succession?
- How do I integrate theology into curriculum?
- What do I learn from independent learners?
- How do I increase learner relevance?

### Graduate Admissions Questions

- How do I facilitate my teaching to be learner relevant?
- How does reflectivity improve learning facilitation?

### Doctoral Admissions Questions

- What is optimal teaching and learning coexistence?
- How does my style help and hinder learners?

## **Curriculum and Instruction**

### Undergraduate Admissions Questions

- How is curriculum related to instruction and evaluation?
- How do I know what I’m teaching is relevant?
- How do I create interdependency with adult learners?
- What are the origins of disciplines and subjects that are commonplace today?

### Graduate Admissions Questions

- How do I allow the Holy Spirit to guide my teaching?

- How do I know when students have mastered learning to think?

#### Doctoral Admissions Questions

- What within my inner being helps me consistently teach effectively?
- What happens in students' lives when teaching hit the relevancy target?

### **Educational Leadership**

#### Undergraduate Admissions Questions

- How does knowing multiple intelligences impact educational administration?
- How is school reform be interdependent with church, community, and family?
- How do I encourage teachers to be great?
- Why is promoting my institution essential?

#### Graduate Admissions Questions

- What are compelling components of school operations?
- How do legal issues impact future education delivery in church, community, home, and school?

#### Doctoral Admissions Questions

- How am I an effective administrator?
- What problems do conflicts pose?

<b>CALL—College of Accelerated Lay Leadership</b>
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### **Affinity & Ecumenical Ministry**

#### Undergraduate Admissions Questions

- What do I learn about Jesus in ecumenical discipleship?
- How does my community's interrelatedness impact delivering ministry?
- How does an audit help illustrate my community?
- How do newcomers know I am connecting with them?

#### Graduate Admissions Questions

- How do guests react to a nurturing community?
- How is "fast food" "long lasting seed?"

#### Doctoral Admissions Questions

- What role does the Blessed Virgin Mary have in my life?
- How do I tactically stand against demon influences to my ministry?

### **Interdependent Ministry**

#### Undergraduate Admissions Questions

- How do I explain my call to lay ministry?
- How is theology represented in liturgy and worship?

- What impact does organization have on my ministry?
- How do I leverage ministry connection to make disciples?

#### Graduate Admissions Questions

- How does learning from the mystics develop my faith.
- How do I keep my dominant calling from shutting out others' callings?

#### Doctoral Admissions Questions

- How do newcomers know I am connecting with them?
- How do my communities know I am connecting with them?

### **Transformational Discipleship**

#### Undergraduate Admissions Questions

- Where does transformational discipleship begin?
- What equips me to be a spiritual change agent?
- How do others know I am “bearing fruit?”
- What do my actions say?

#### Graduate Admissions Questions

- What impact does health care ministry have?
- How do my spiritual practices embody constant evangelism?

#### Doctoral Admissions Questions

- How do I apply and leverage experience?
- What witness is my legacy making now?

<b>CAST—College of Accelerated Spiritual Transformation</b>
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### **Ecumenism**

#### Undergraduate Admissions Questions

- By what attributes in my life would others know I am an ecumenist?
- In what directions do I discern the Holy Spirit calling me to a place or understanding different than that from where I am now?
- What does the secular world teach me about effective ministry delivery?
- How is my witness generous?

#### Graduate Admissions Questions

- What do my meditations tell me about my faith development?
- What do I need to know about Jesus in order to react like Him?

#### Doctoral Admissions Questions

- Why does God communicate through experience?
- In what ways does God communicate through dreams?

## **Practical Theology**

### Undergraduate Admissions Questions

- How does my social networking help make disciples?
- How do I know which principles to implement and when?
- How do strategies and tactics interrelate?
- What do I need to give up in order to make right decision?

### Graduate Admissions Questions

- To what outcome are my solution paths leading me?
- What is a contemporary issue that could use a parabolic xxxapproach?

### Doctoral Admissions Questions

- How do I express the Gospel in relevant terms to someone who doesn't know it?
- How I am using a Revelation basis to interact in the secular world?

## **Spiritual Gifts Manifestation**

### Undergraduate Admissions Questions

- What will I do with my spiritual strength?
- What do my ethical practices witness about my relationship with God?
- How do I practice whole brain spirituality?
- How do I know the degree to which a doctrine is Holy Spirit revealed?

### Graduate Admissions Questions

- How does my grace witness to others?
- How do my prayers witness expectancy?

### Doctoral Admissions Questions

- How am receiving God's grace to live in abundance (spiritually, emotionally, physically, financially, and socially)?
- How do times when I am not in God's will draw me closer to God in the future?

## Capstone Module Admissions

Students will create a narrative answer to these questions as part of the prerequisite requirement for admission to the Capstone Module.

<b>CAPE—College of Accelerated Personal Education</b>
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### Undergraduate Capstone Admissions Questions

- What is my plan to consistently practice improving my critical thinking?
- How can I encourage others to practice active thinking?
- How does the Old Testament reveal God's love and God's love to come?
- How does applying more Christian principles change transform current culture?
- What order and regimen in my life assists me being a leader.
- How does knowing leadership styles help me be a boss who facilitates others?
- How am I a change agent?
- How am I certain I am embodying the change my organization needs?
- What competencies do I need in order to complete a professional or scholarly research project?
- How does this project add to my knowledge?

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### Graduate Capstone Admissions Questions

- How is being an effective communicator improving my ministry delivery?
- What amplifications do I gain from Apocryphal Scriptures?
- How am I familiar with leading beyond my comfort zone and the comfort zone of others?
- How do I tell the difference between planning to solve problems and acting to solve problems?
- What competencies do I need in order to complete a professional or scholarly research project?
- How does this project encourage professional depth or encourage additional research?

### Doctoral Capstone Admissions Questions

- What critical thinking applications do I apply to improve my ministry?
- What similarities exist between these non-canonical writings and Scripture?
- How am I leading my organization to learn?
- How do I keep my self from being captured by the status quo?
- What tools equip me to be a more effective group facilitator?
- How are the Rule Set recommendations similar to the short rule sets John Wesley used when sending people out into the field?
- What competencies do I need in order to complete a professional or scholarly research project?
- How does this project add original project approach or add original research knowledge?

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## Post-Degree Studies Admissions

Prospective students will create a reflective answer to the following question as part of their admissions to COPE's Builder's Week Academy to earn three post-degree credit hours:

- How do I incorporate new approaches into my ministry?

**COPE—College Of Postgraduate Engagement**  
presented as *Builders' Week Academy* in conjunction with  
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<b>COPE 302/502/702/902</b>	<b>Contemporary Parish Leadership Colloquium</b>
<b>COPE 303/503/703/903</b>	<b>Scripture Applications Colloquium</b>
<b>COPE 311/511/711/911</b>	<b>Christian Education Colloquium</b>
<b>COPE 312/512/712/912</b>	<b>Curriculum and Instruction Colloquium</b>
<b>COPE 313/513/713/913</b>	<b>Educational Leadership Colloquium</b>
<b>COPE 321/521/721/921</b>	<b>Affinity and Ecumenical Ministry Colloquium</b>
<b>COPE 322/522/722/922</b>	<b>Interdependent Ministry Colloquium</b>
<b>COPE 323/523/723/923</b>	<b>Transformational Discipleship Colloquium</b>
<b>COPE 331/531/731/931</b>	<b>Ecumenism Colloquium</b>
<b>COPE 332/532/732/932</b>	<b>Practical Theology Colloquium</b>
<b>COPE 333/533/733/933</b>	<b>Spiritual Gifts Manifestation Colloquium</b>