

## **Centre for Christian Studies Guidelines for Readiness for Admission**

In assessing an applicant's suitability for admission in the diploma program the Admissions Team uses the following criteria as guidelines. These criteria are not absolute but indicate the areas in which applicants need to show openness, ability and potential.

### **I Sense of Identity as Self**

1. Shows an ability to take initiative and give examples of this.
2. Understands oneself to be studying for ministry (lay or ordered).
3. Understands development of the self in relation to pastoral, education and/or service ministry to the church.
4. Has emotional stability; is able to cope with physical and emotional stress; shows flexibility.
5. Has a capacity to work, play and pray.
6. Shows a sense of humour.
7. Is open to growth and change and has a beginning awareness of its implications.
8. Is able to invest oneself in the diploma/certificate program.

### **II Sense of Self in Relationship to others**

1. Has a beginning sense of one's own power and vulnerability.
2. Shows some ability to work alone and in relation to others; is aware of the importance of responsibility to community.
3. Values and demonstrates respect.
4. Is committed to inclusivity of others and values diversity.

### **III Learning**

1. Approaches the world as a learner;
  - wants to learn and grow and change
  - is committed to learning in community
  - is willing to learn in different ways.
2. Can demonstrate ability to study at a graduate level.
3. Willingness to learn in a community that is diverse culturally, theologically, economically and by sexual orientation.

### **IV Communications**

1. Has basic skills in oral and written communications.
2. Has basic interpersonal and relationship skills.

### **IV Leadership and Group Process**

1. Has some awareness of how one functions as a member in groups.
2. Has some experience of leadership.
3. Has willingness to learn and practise variety of styles of leadership.

### **V Theology and Faith**

1. Can articulate elements of one's own faith.
2. Is willing to explore the implications of one's faith.
3. Is aware of having acted out of a faith stance and can share examples.

4. Shows readiness to critique one's own theology.

## **VI Education in the Faith Community**

1. Understands education as essential to the faith community.
2. Regards understanding and learning as a vital dimension of faith.
3. Is interested in learning how to enable others to grow in their faith.

## **VII Social Service and Social Change**

1. Understands a role of ministry in responding to social needs and justice issues in the community (local and worldwide).
2. Understands justice and compassion for the church and the world to be an essential component of ministry.

## **VIII Pastoral Care**

1. Is aware of the importance of pastoral care.
2. Has a sensitivity to the needs of self and others.
3. Is open to risk and vulnerability.
4. Has some awareness of one's own needs, power and vulnerability.

## **IX Liturgical Ministry**

1. Values liturgy as important in the life of the faith community.
2. Has some experience of liturgical leadership.
3. Is open to exploring liturgical leadership for oneself.

## **X Organizational and Administrative Skills**

1. Values organization and administration as important in the life of the faith community.
2. Has shown evidence of organization in one's own life and awareness of priorities.

## **XI Understanding of Church**

1. Values the tradition of the church and shows some understanding of it denominationally and ecumenically.
2. Is open to understand the church as both an institutional structure and a faith community.
3. Has an understanding of the role of laity as essential to the life and work of the church.

## **XII Integrated Understanding of Ministry**

1. Is ready, willing and able to learn and develop through struggle and question, ambiguity and complexity.

Each applicant will be interviewed by an Admissions Team. A decision concerning admissibility will be made in light of the criteria for admissions. The decision of the Admissions Team will be communicated to the applicant by a representative of the team as soon as possible following the interview, and reported to CCS staff immediately thereafter.

Appeal procedures concerning applications for admissions will be sent to persons requesting an application form.