

Application Requirements for Graduate Study at the Catholic Institute of Sacred Music

All Applications

- Electronic application, which includes a statement of faith, testifying that one is a practicing Catholic
- 2 letters of recommendation, including one from a current priest with whom the applicant works, preferably as a supervisor/superior
- Copies of official transcripts sent directly to St. Patrick's Seminary from your institution. A bachelor's degree is required for admission.

Additional Requirements for MSM Degree and Certificate Applications Only

- Live remote audition
 - Preparation of 3 pieces in contrasting styles; can include the student's line in a motet or a solo chant
 - Sight-reading
- Interview via Zoom
- Personal statement explaining desire and reasons for entering into this plan of study, including the desire to serve in a Catholic parish or school
- International students must take the TOEFL: minimum score of 550, paper-based exam; 215, computer-based exam; 80, internet-based
- Acknowledgement of receipt of sample curriculum completion plans and statement of intention to complete the degree program in 3-5 summers once admitted
- Acknowledgement of having read course rotation schedules and brochure outlining tuition, room, and board costs
- Statement of financial capability to fund the course of study

Deadline for MSM and post-baccalaureate certificate applications: February 15, 2026,
Deadline for non-degree-seeking applicants: May 1, 2026