

- 1. Application Form:** Answer each question applicable to you.
Note: Non-degree seeking (NDSS) applicants taking an online class should submit the application form, fee and transcripts only. NDSS applicants taking an on-campus class should complete 1-5 below.
- 2. Application Essay:** 800-1,000 words minimum, typed. *See last page for instructions.*
- 3. Reference Forms:** All (excluding MA in Counseling) applicants: One church leader reference is required. This person should have known you for at least two years and can speak to your Christian character and growth.
College of Education applicants: One church leader reference, as described above, as well as one professional (employer, professor, etc.) reference. **MA in Counseling applicants:** One professional (employer, professor, etc.) reference. **Doctoral (DMin EdS, EdD) applicants:** One church leader reference, as described above, and two general references.
- 4. Academic Transcripts:** Request official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities you have attended to be sent directly to Graduate and Seminary Admissions. *Note: Students who have attended a school outside of the United States must have transcripts validated through World Education Services. See information below for details.*
- 5. Official Test Scores:** Test scores are based on program choice and undergraduate GPA. Please refer to the website catalog to determine what additional testing, if any, is required for admission.

Entrance Postponement: If you choose to delay entrance more than one year, you will be required to complete the application process in its entirety.

IMPORTANT: Evaluation of your application file cannot begin until all of the following items have been received by the admissions office:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application | <input type="checkbox"/> \$45 application fee | <input type="checkbox"/> Application essay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reference(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic transcripts | <input type="checkbox"/> Test scores (if required) |

International Citizens only:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TOEFL | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial certification | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational background |
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INTERNATIONAL CITIZENS

International citizens must complete application items 1-5 above as well as the following items.

Academic Transcripts: Must be validated through World Education Services (WES). The student must request two final, official copies of their transcripts from the institution where they received their degree. One must be sent to WES and one to CIU. Both transcripts, if not in English, must be accompanied by an official English translation.

World Education Services

Postal Address:	Courier Address:	212.966.6311
Bowling Green Station	64 Beaver St	212.739.6100 FAX
PO Box 5087	New York, NY 10004	www.wes.org
New York, NY 10274-5087		

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): A minimum score of 550 (600 if applying for TEFL program) is required on the paper version or a minimum score of 213 (250 if applying for TEFL program) is required on the computer version. If you complete the TOEFL through iBT, the required score is 79 (100 if applying for TEFL). The TOEFL is available through the American Consular Office. Our TOEFL code is 5116. The TOEFL is waived if you have completed an undergraduate degree in which English was the medium of instruction. You must complete the Educational Background form however.

Educational Background: Fully complete the enclosed form. Directions are on the back of the form.

Financial Certification of Funds: The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service requires proof of finances for international citizens. Please complete the enclosed Financial Certification form in its entirety. You, and/or any sponsors, must include a statement from your bank that certifies the funds listed. If accepted, you must send a deposit to receive an I-20 to obtain your visa (see Financial Certification information). Please note: The school is not able to grant full scholarships or put prospective students in touch with potential supporters in the U.S.

APPLICATION ESSAY

If you are applying to CIU for the first time, please submit a typed response to the following questions, 800-1000 words minimum (total, not per question). Your essay will be reviewed as a summary of your walk with Christ and as a writing sample. Please use appropriate grammar and critical thinking, answering the questions as they are asked. Please note: the essay and its contents are used as a factor in the admission of all applicants. You may mail, email, or fax your essay to our office.

1. Using Scripture references, explain God's plan of salvation as revealed in the Bible.
2. Explain the circumstances of your conversion to Christ.
3. Describe specific relationships, circumstances and events God has used to teach you and help you grow in your faith.
4. Describe your current disciplines of Bible study and prayer, both private and corporate.
5. Tell us about opportunities you have for evangelism and how you share your faith with others.
6. Please list (bullet points are preferred) school, church and community activities you are involved in, specifically noting any leadership positions you hold. If you are currently employed, tell us about your work responsibilities and time commitment to your job.
7. Since CIU is dedicated to preparing students to become world Christians who serve God with excellence in a variety of roles, please share what you believe to be God's vocational/ministry calling on your life and why you have chosen to apply to CIU.

Please feel free to add any additional information you would like us to consider as we evaluate your application.

If you were *previously enrolled* at CIU, please submit a typed response to the following questions, 600 words minimum (total, not per question).

1. Explain your reason for leaving CIU and tell us what you have been doing since you were a student here.
2. How have you been impacted by your CIU experience in each of the following areas: spiritual, intellectual, social and ministry-skill development?
3. Describe your current disciplines of Bible study and prayer, both private and corporate.
4. Tell us about opportunities you have for evangelism and how you share your faith with others.
5. What are your vocational and/or ministry goals and your understanding of God's direction for your future?
6. In what areas do you feel a need for further knowledge, experience and personal and spiritual development? How will further study at CIU contribute to the achievement of these goals?

Please feel free to add any additional information you would like us to consider as we evaluate your application.

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