



CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN FORMATIONAL PRAYER

Dear Applicant:

Enclosed is the application for the Certificate Program in Formational Prayer and all the materials necessary for you to begin this process. There are two parts to the application process:

1. The written application and a written Christian faith narrative
2. The letters of recommendation

The application procedure page will guide you through the process. There are instructions for you to follow in writing your Christian faith narrative. In addition, there are instructions to give to the individuals who will write your recommendations.

If at any time, you need assistance during the application process or have a question or concern, please contact The Institute of Formational Counseling at 419-207-5547 or email LLawson1@ashland.edu

It is important for you to be aware of all the standards and requirements necessary for the Certificate Program in Formational Prayer. See enclosed document titled Certificate Program in Formational Prayer Standards, Requirements, and Cost.

We at the Institute of Formational Counseling are excited about your decision to participate in this certificate program. We look forward, with great anticipation, to our shared journey.

Sincerely,

Dr. Terry Wardle
Director of the Institute of Formational Counseling



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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

You are beginning a process that will ultimately provide you with a certificate in formational prayer. This is an important step toward your ministry to God's broken people. Be assured that we take this commitment to serve your personal and professional growth with the utmost seriousness. To complete the process, you will need to provide the following to the Institute.

- The application form
- A written Christian faith narrative
- A professional recommendation
- A spiritual recommendation
- A family/friend recommendation
- Applicant's picture (jpeg or hard copy)
- \$450 application fee

Explanations of these items are included in the enclosed material. If you have further questions regarding your unique situation, call the Institute at 419-207-5547 or email your questions to LLawson1@ashland.edu.

Send all material to:

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Name _____
Last First Middle Title

Mailing address _____

_____ Email Address _____

Home telephone _____ Business telephone _____

For Clergy: Ordained Yes No

Church affiliation & pastor _____

Church/pastor e-mail/phone# _____

Date attended basic Formational Prayer Seminar _____

Optional information: Date of birth _____ Race _____ Male Female

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE INSTITUTE OF FORMATIONAL COUNSELING	NOTES
Application received _____	
Application fee paid _____	
Applicant's picture _____	
Family/friend recommendation _____	
Professional recommendation _____	
Spiritual recommendation _____	
Written Christian faith narrative _____	
Notification of acceptance _____	
Informed Consent _____	

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

In the order attended, list the seminaries, universities and graduate schools in which you have been enrolled.

School & Location _____

Dates Attended _____ Course of Study _____

Degree _____ Date Received _____

School & Location _____

Dates Attended _____ Course of Study _____

Degree _____ Date Received _____

Please explain the relationship of your past education with your current **desire** to receive a Certificate in Formational Prayer.

WORK EXPERIENCE

What business and occupational experience have you had?

Dates _____ Where and how employed? _____

Dates _____ Where and how employed? _____

Dates _____ Where and how employed? _____

What experience have you had with formational and/or inner healing prayer?



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CHRISTIAN FAITH NARRATIVE

Dear Applicant:

Please prepare a written Christian faith narrative that is three-to-five pages in length. The purpose of this exercise is to help us get acquainted with you. Use the following for your Christian faith narrative:

Write about your Christian faith journey. With what churches/denominations have you been connected other than the one into which you were first baptized? What is the church and denomination of your present membership? Are you ordained or licensed (and when)? To what special form of Christian service do you at present wish to devote your life? What encouragement have you received from family or significant friends for your desire to perform formational prayer caregiving? How do others perceive your abilities and qualities for this ministry? Describe your strengths and weaknesses as they may affect this ministry.

When you have completed your composition, please send it to:
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PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION

Dear Applicant:

Please request a letter (1-2 pages) of recommendation from your church and/or employer.

I waive the right to view this recommendation letter.

I reserve the right to view the recommendation letter.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please give this form to the person/group recommending you.

Dear Friend:

The individual who gave you these instructions is applying for the Certificate in Formational Prayer, through The Institute of Formational Counseling at Ashland Theological Seminary. A significant goal of the program is to help each applicant grow professionally.

To help us encourage this applicant, please write a 1-2 page letter describing:

1. A brief history of the applicant's relationship with your organization/church (position and duties).
2. The strengths and contributions the applicant has brought to your organization/church.
3. The most important contribution Formational Prayer can make to the professional development of the applicant.
4. Your insight and observations regarding this individual's gifts and how these gifts relate to helping people who are hurting.

Please send this form and a copy of your letter to:

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This recommendation is confidential and to be withheld from the applicant.

This recommendation may be shared with the applicant.

Signed _____ Date _____

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SPIRITUAL RECOMMENDATION

Dear Applicant:

The Institute of Formational Counseling at Ashland Theological Seminary is concerned with your professional and your personal development. Your spiritual formation is important to us. Please request a letter of recommendation (1-2 pages) from someone you respect who knows you spiritually.

I waive the right to view this recommendation letter.

I reserve the right to view the recommendation letter.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please give this form to the person/group recommending you.

Dear Friend:

The individual who gave you these instructions is applying for the Certificate in Formational Prayer through The Institute of Formational Counseling at Ashland Theological Seminary. A significant goal of the program is to help each applicant grow on his or her own spiritual journey.

To help us encourage and mentor this applicant, please write a 1-2 page letter describing:

1. The evidence of his/her faith in life.
2. The potential for his/her spiritual growth.
3. The impact of his/her spiritual influence.

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FAMILY/FRIEND RECOMMENDATION

Dear Applicant:

Please request a letter (1-2 pages) of recommendation from a family member and/or friend.

I waive the right to view this recommendation letter.

I reserve the right to view the recommendation letter.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please give this form to the person recommending you.

Dear Family Member/Friend:

The individual who gave you these instructions is applying for the Certificate in Formational Prayer through The Institute of Formational Counseling at Ashland Theological Seminary.

To help us encourage and mentor this applicant, please write a 1-2 page letter describing:

1. Your relationship to the applicant.
2. Your evaluation of the applicant's relationship with the Lord.
3. Your opinion on the degree to which the applicant will receive support as he or she undertakes the process of certification.

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