



GRACE BIBLE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

ACADEMIC QUALITY REPORT 2026

Educational Quality and Effectiveness

The purpose of GBTS is to train the next generation of pastors, church planters, and missionaries with a commitment to confessional Baptist doctrine, academic rigor, and a passion for the local church. GBTS graduates are consistently on the front lines of ministry.

GBTS Faculty

- 100% of GBTS faculty members currently serve or have recently served in pastoral ministry.
- Of the 7 faculty members in our regular teaching rotation, 5 hold doctoral degrees (71%).
- Including our adjunct professors, 8 of our 10 faculty hold doctoral degrees (80%).
- Our faculty-to-student ratio is approximately 1:8.
- 100% of faculty members teach live courses to facilitate interaction with students.

Program Design and Delivery

- 100% of regular GBTS courses taught in the 2025-2026 academic year featured live lecture and direct faculty-student interaction.
- 3 on-campus intensives were offered during the 2025-2026 academic year.
- Residential and distance students alike have the opportunity to interact with professors and peers in a live, synchronous course format.
- 100% of M.Div. and MAPS students are matched with a personal academic advisor.

Admissions Statistics

- 97% Acceptance Rate 2022-2023
 - 54% of admitted students in 2022-2023 were in the M.Div. program
- 79% Acceptance Rate 2023-2024
 - 37% of admitted students in 2023-2024 were in the M.Div. program
- 58% Acceptance Rate 2024-2025
 - 60% of admitted students in 2024-2025 were in the M.Div. program
- 100% Acceptance Rate 2025-2026
 - 57% of admitted students in 2025-2026 were in the M.Div. program

Student Composition: Fall 2024

GBTS offers four (4) degree programs, each uniquely designed for the preparation of students for ministry service in the local church. Our roster of students featured:

- Master of Divinity: 52%
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies: 14%
- Certificate of Ministry: 20%
- Diploma of Divinity: 3%
- Auditors: 12%

Student Composition: Spring 2025

GBTS offers four (4) degree programs, each uniquely designed for the preparation of students for ministry service in the local church. Our roster of students featured:

- Master of Divinity: 53%
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies: 12%
- Certificate of Ministry: 21%
- Diploma of Divinity: 3%
- Auditors: 11%

Student Composition: Fall 2025

GBTS offers four (4) degree programs, each uniquely designed for the preparation of students for ministry service in the local church. Our roster of students featured:

- Master of Divinity: 57%
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies: 10%
- Certificate of Ministry: 17%
- Diploma of Divinity: 5%
- Auditors: 12%

Student Composition: Spring 2026

GBTS offers four (4) degree programs, each uniquely designed for the preparation of students for ministry service in the local church. Our roster of students featured:

- Master of Divinity: 57%
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies: 10%
- Certificate of Ministry: 14%
- Diploma of Divinity: 5%
- Auditors: 14%

Graduation Rates and Statistics

Summary Enrollment and Graduation Data

Degree Program	Enrollment Year	Total Students Admitted for FA, SP, SU	Total Students Started	Total Students Ended	Graduates
M.Div. 5-year	2022-2023	15	44	42	1
	2023-2024	7	44	33	1
	2024-2025	4	34	33	2
	2025-2026	4	34	31	3
MAPS 4-year	2022-2023	1	11	7	0
	2023-2024	2	7	12	1
	2024-2025	1	9	6	3
	2025-2026	0	6	5	3
Certificate 3-year	2022-2023	3	7	7	0
	2023-2024	9	10	13	0
	2024-2025	2	13	11	4
	2025-2026	1	10	6	1
Diploma 5-year	2022-2023	2	8	6	0
	2023-2024	0	5	3	0
	2024-2025	0	2	3	0
	2025-2026	0	3	2	0

2023 Graduates—On-time Rates:

- Master of Divinity: 100% (3.33 years average to complete the program)
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies: N/A
- Certificate of Ministry: N/A

2024 Graduates—On-time Rates:

- Master of Divinity: 100% (4.00 years average to complete the program)
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies: 0% (4.67 years average to complete the program)
- Certificate of Ministry: N/A

2025 Graduates—On-time Rates:

- Master of Divinity: 100% (4.17 years average to complete the program)
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies: 100% (3.00 years average to complete the program)
- Certificate of Ministry: 100% (2.33 years average to complete the program)

2026 Graduates—On-time Rates:

- Master of Divinity: 100% (4.33 years average to complete the program)
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies: 67% (4.00 years average to complete the program)
- Certificate of Ministry: 100% (1.67 years average to complete the program)

How is the above graduate data calculated?

The above statistics compute “graduate on-time rates” rather than the more traditionally calculated “graduation rates.” Because the length of GBTS programs are 5 years (M.Div. and Diploma), 4 years (MAPS), and 3 years (Certificate), relatively few students have been enrolled in their respective programs long enough to employ traditional methods of calculating graduation rates to reflect student success, especially if we were to calculate graduation rates by the time-and-a-half (1.5) standard that many academic institutions use today. The graduate on-time rates above are calculated by determining what percentage of graduates each year (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026) completed their program on time.

Graduate Employment and Ordination

As a Baptist seminary, GBTS does not ordain seminary graduates or provide recommendations for student ordination. This responsibility is deferred to the student’s local church. Statistics on our graduates in recent years includes the following:

- GBTS had 19 total graduates from 2023-2026: 1 total graduate in 2023, 2 total graduates in 2024, 9 total graduates in 2025, and 7 total graduates in 2026.
- GBTS had 7 M.Div. graduates from 2023-2026, 7 MAPS graduates from 2023-2026, and 5 Certificate graduates from 2023-2026.
- 100% of GBTS graduates from 2023-2026 are actively involved in local church ministry.
- 42% of GBTS graduates from 2023-2026 are serving in full-time vocational ministry.
- Numerous GBTS graduates are currently serving in full-time ministry roles as pastors in local churches; other graduates are serving either in a staff position for HeartCry Missionary Society or as a missionary for Disciple the Nations (DTN).
- GBTS has 10 prospective graduates for May 2027 spread across 4 degree programs (5 M.Div., 1 MTS, 1 MAPS, and 3 Certificate).