

Writing ability is often a predictor of a student's potential success in a post-graduate degree program. The writing sample, therefore, plays an important role in the admissions process. Our purpose for the writing sample is to investigate a candidate's ability to conduct high quality academic work. There are a number of requirements for the admissions writing sample:

The writing sample should be typed, double-spaced, and 1500-2000 words. The writing sample should be academic in nature and should follow APA guidelines. For your writing sample choose one of the following books and write a paper that interacts, reflects, and responds with the author. You should not merely repeat what the author says.

You may choose from the following books:

1. *The Shaping of Things to Come: Innovation and Mission for the 21st Century Church*
by Michael Frost and Alan Hirsch.
2. *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America*
by Darrell L. Guder.

NOTE: By applying to BTS, the student acknowledges that any or all documents submitted for application to the Doctor of Ministry/CAPS program may be used for assessing the student's learning during the program.

Return your writing sample directly to:

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