

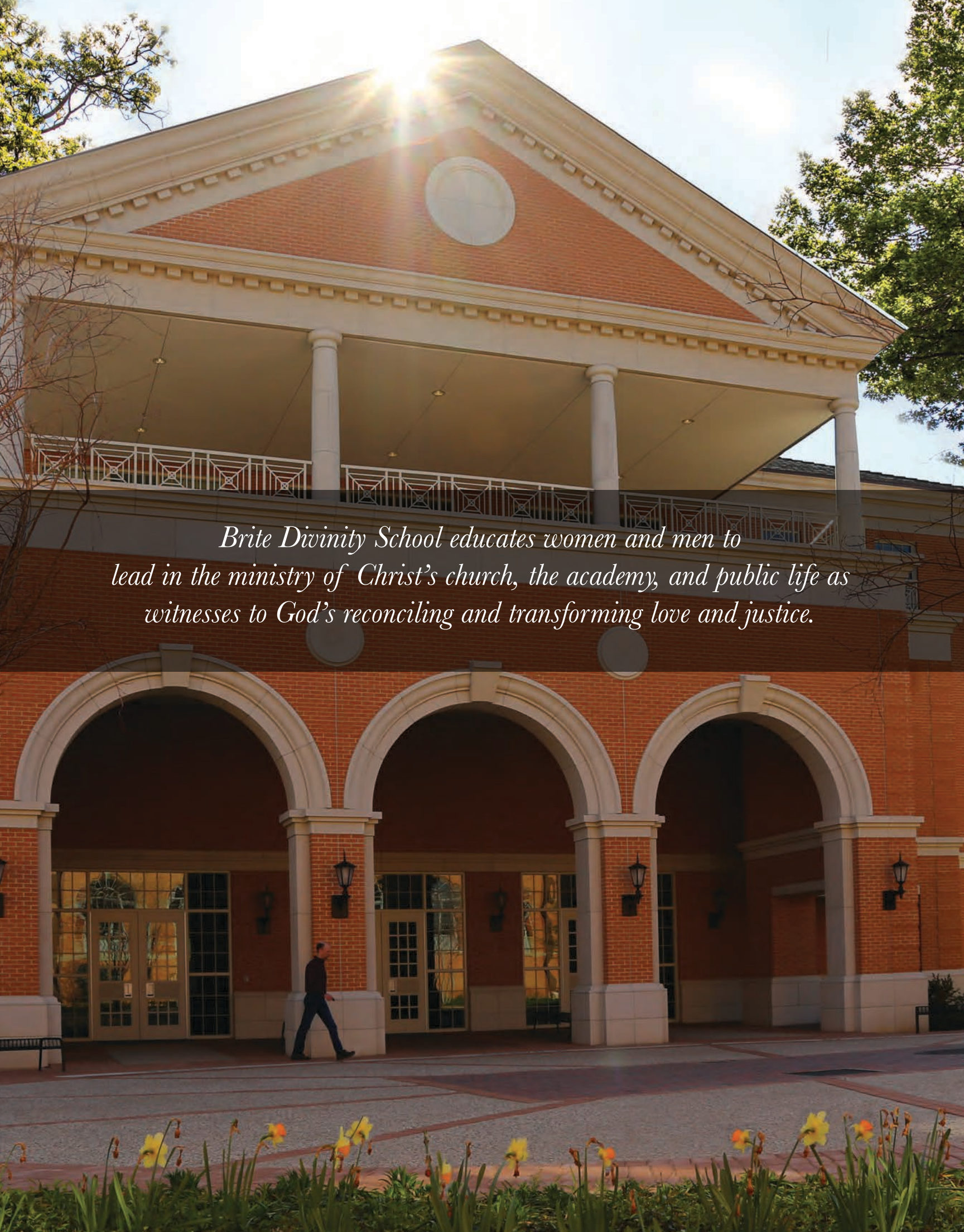


BRITE

DIVINITY SCHOOL



Explore ~ Inspire ~ Imagine



Brite Divinity School educates women and men to lead in the ministry of Christ's church, the academy, and public life as witnesses to God's reconciling and transforming love and justice.



SCHOLARSHIP

that engages church, academy, & public life

JUSTICE

that enhances diversity, flourishing, & wholeness

PRACTICE

that enlivens intellectual, spiritual, & professional growth



Scholarship *that engages*



Brite's programs foster the intentional integration of disciplined practices and intellectual rigor. Courses are taught by a faculty of distinguished teacher-scholars who are leaders in the academy, the church, and in public life.

At Brite, students and faculty engage in theological study that draws upon the gift of our minds to dig more deeply into assumptions, to ask more questions about perspectives, and to genuinely engage in profound conversations.

■ MASTER OF DIVINITY

The M.Div. degree at Brite is designed to educate informed leaders who are prepared to engage in effective, critically imaginative ministry in a variety of contemporary contexts.

This comprehensive theological and ministerial degree is the primary course of study for those seeking ordination in most traditions. (81 credit hours)

■ MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

The M.A.T.M. degree couples rich theological inquiry with formative practices to prepare leaders for lay ministry, diaconal and, in some traditions, ordained ministry, or for service in bi-vocational settings such as teaching, business, social work, NGOs, and non-profit organizations. (48 credit hours)

■ MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The M.T.S. program provides for critical and constructive reflection informed by the study of a range of theological disciplines. This degree may serve as a foundation for advanced theological studies or as a vehicle for the enhancement of one's own faith and understanding. (49 credit hours)

■ CERTIFICATE OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The C.T.S. program allows non-degree seeking students to pursue graduate theological education to enhance their faith and practice and, in some cases, to prepare for specialized ministries in the church and community. Students may complete the Certificate through a complement of core courses in general studies or by focusing in an area of specialized interest. (21 credit hours)

Brite's ethos is reflected in faculty, staff, students, and alumnae/i who are leaders in their religious communities and who speak theologically to issues of culture, community, world, and the environment.



■ MASTER OF THEOLOGY

The Th.M. degree is an advanced master's program that provides for further development in a particular area of interest and prepares students for a variety of vocations, including study at the doctoral level, teaching at some institutions, or enhanced ministerial practice. (24 hours)

■ DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

The D.Min. degree is an advanced professional program intended to enhance the pastoral leadership of persons who hold the M.Div. degree or its equivalent, who have worked in a ministerial context for at least three years after earning the M.Div. degree, and who continue in the tasks and responsibilities of ministry during the course of their doctoral study. (33 hours)

■ DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Brite offers this advanced academic degree in the areas of Biblical Interpretation and Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care, equipping students with the range of skills needed for careers in academic teaching, independent research, and leadership within the church. (48 hours, plus languages, qualifying exams, and a dissertation)

Advanced program students have the option of pursuing a Women's Studies Certificate.



Justice *that enhances*



As a progressive theological school in the Southwest that values diverse communities, Brite embodies an ecumenical and open spirit. Together we are learning to be JUSTICE-MAKERS within the context of the multiple cultures that coexist in this region.

Dedicated programs at Brite support the community's valuing of diversity and offer curricular and co-curricular opportunities to address issues of religion, race, class, culture, sexuality, and gender.

■ **The Black Church Studies Program** provides a learning context for shaping ministerial preparation and theological reflection for seminarians of all races and backgrounds by emphasizing the Black Church's teachings of freedom, justice, and equality.



■ **The Center for Latina/o Church Studies** addresses the educational needs of Hispanic Christian communities for theological training in Spanish and offers programs at Brite and in the wider community for cross-cultural training.

■ **The Jewish Studies Program** supports regular course offerings in the literature and history of Second Temple Judaism, contributes to educational opportunities in the local community, and fosters interfaith dialogue rooted in a better understanding of Judaism and Christianity.

■ **The Asian (Korean) Church Studies Program** provides opportunities for the Brite community to learn about the history, theology, and culture of Asian/Asian American Christians through classes, lectures, and fellowship.

■ **The Carpenter Initiative on Gender and Sexuality** equips students, pastors, and communities with resources to address critical issues of gender, sexuality, and justice in ministry and in the culture.

■ **The Soul Repair Center** conducts research on moral injury, especially in combat veterans, and offers programs to educate community leaders, congregations, seminarians, and the wider public about recovery from moral injury.



Practice *that enliven*s



Brite's Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) identity finds its fullest expression in the school's ECUMENICAL AND OPEN SPIRIT.

"We know that there is much to be learned from our engagement with one another and that, ultimately, churches and communities around us are better because of our resounding belief that such rich theological dialogue and difference ultimately enhance our understanding and experience of God."



With five **denominational studies programs**, nine recognized **partnerships**, and more than 29 denominations represented in its faculty and student body, Brite embraces inclusion and offers dedicated support for formation in the various traditions that are home to many of our students and integral to the whole church.

Brite uniquely values the richness of informed practices and the cultivation of practices that inform scholarship. As hallmarks of these commitments, **Supervised Ministry** and **Field Education** provide for experiential learning and reflective practice in a wide variety of congregational and agency settings.



"A central tenet of every Brite degree program, every church studies or other specialized initiative, and every lifelong learning event rests on the premise that good theological work in the institution, in the church, in our communities, and in the world requires attention to the interdependence of intellect and practice."

Graduates of Brite are provided with resources for enlivening practice throughout a career. **Continuing Education** programs encourage lifelong learning and ongoing engagement with the religious and social issues of our time.



Life at Brite



A commitment to community weaves through everything we do at Brite. The weekly schedule includes multiple opportunities for worship and other practices of faith that invite the community into spiritual growth. Faculty colloquies, guest lectures, and special events provide added venues for collective learning. Weekly Community Conversations and Common Meals invite students, faculty, and staff to share food and fellowship, to listen and learn in a more informal setting, and to address together issues of importance to the community.

Student associations play an active role in cultivating community life. Students organize activities, provide leadership in worship, and partner in student groups around shared concerns.

An open-door ethos contributes to the character of community life at Brite. Faculty and staff welcome conversation outside the classroom. Brite's 10-1 student-faculty ratio makes for small classes where dialogue is encouraged and collaborative relationships are formed.

The life of the community reflects Brite's commitment to an open table where all are invited and made welcome and through which all are valued by God and one another.



"Brite's remarkable community of teachers and administrators supported my growth and transformation in learning to struggle with big questions and challenge assumptions. I am grateful for the gifts of deep theological reflection and for the inspiration to embody what was learned."

— Amanda Henderson
with Dr. Namsoon Kang

■ FINANCIAL AID

Brite has a long tradition of providing generous merit-based and need-based financial aid to admitted students in all programs. Need-based aid comes in the form of tuition grants, which cover a significant percentage of tuition. Merit grants cover up to 100% tuition and may include an additional annual stipend.

Brite's premier scholarship awards provide full tuition and merit stipends ranging from \$2,000-\$10,000 annually.

To apply for financial support, complete the financial aid section of the application portfolio.



■ APPLICATION DEADLINES

Master's applications, with the exception of the Th.M., are considered on a monthly basis, September-July. Deadlines for Th.M. and D.Min. applications are October 15 and April 15. Applications for Ph.D. programs must be submitted by January 15. January 15 is also the deadline to apply for Brite's premium M.Div. fellowships.

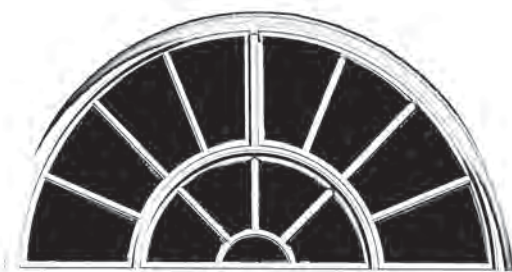
Brite offers spring or fall matriculation for all programs except the Ph.D.

To request an application, contact us at www.brite.edu or call the Office of Admissions at 817-257-7513.

■ HOUSING

LEIBROCK VILLAGE: Leibrock Village is a beautiful and vibrant graduate student community with 56 apartments located a short walk from campus. For information and a housing application, contact the Housing Director at 817-257-7338.

The Office of Admissions strongly encourages prospective students to schedule a campus visit. To arrange a visit, contact us at www.brite.edu or call the Office of Admissions at 817-257-7513.



Extended *community*



■ RELATIONSHIP WITH TCU

Brite Divinity School and Texas Christian University are independent institutions that share a rich historical relationship and enjoy a shared heritage, affiliation, traditions, and values with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Both institutions recognize the benefits of a supportive and collaborative relationship especially in areas of teaching and scholarly programs.

Located on the campus of TCU, Brite is surrounded by the vitality and resources of a major university. Students at Brite receive a TCU I.D. card that grants full access to every aspect of university life, including a large interdisciplinary library, a state-of-the-art recreational center, world-class lectures, fine arts performances, and sporting events.

Brite students are encouraged to make use of the TCU Writing Center, where Brite's Writing Consultant is on staff. They also have ready access to the TCU Health and Counseling Center.

With their TCU I.D., students at Brite may receive a Trinity Rail Express Pass, which grants free access to the Fort Worth

bus system, the Trinity Rail system, connecting Dallas and Fort Worth, and the DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit) system in Dallas.

Graduate level courses across a variety of disciplines at TCU are open to Brite students and may, with permission, be taken as electives within a student's program.



■ LIVING IN FORT WORTH

Brite sits in the heart of Fort Worth, TX, with its larger home in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Embracing the spirit of the Southwest, Fort Worth has the charm of a historic small town, as well as a flair for the arts within its culturally rich environment. In Fort Worth and throughout the Metroplex, opportunities to experience and engage the multiple cultures and faiths that coexist in this region abound. The area is home to more than 2,000 churches, many with relationships to Brite.

Brite is seen by many as a haven in the Southwest, one that seeks to foster global awareness and open dialogues that broaden our understanding of the world beyond us and its impact on our region.



The blending of cultures and wide-open spaces that make up the Southwest create a uniquely inviting context for life and ministry.

A thriving economy, low cost of living, and easy access through two major airports provide an infrastructure of support for study at Brite.

Come and see for yourself.

Schedule a visit: contact us at www.brite.edu or call the Office of Admissions at 817-257-7513.





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Engaging scholarship • Enhancing justice • Enlivening practice

*This community values relatedness that is built around such lived qualities as
honesty, grace, openness, curiosity, and passion.*

As we continue to foster these qualities in our community, everyone who encounters Brite is changed.

Consider how graduate theological education at Brite can change you and equip you to change the world.

We invite you to contact us to learn more or apply now.

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Brite Divinity School does not discriminate with regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability of an otherwise qualified individual, membership or application for membership in a uniformed service, or any other category protected by applicable law. This nondiscrimination policy applies to all programs and activities, admission to these programs and activities, financial aid, and housing.

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