

Atlantic School and Theology

Greetings from Atlantic School of Theology!

You might already know about us: we are a small ecumenical university in Halifax, NS, founded in 1971 when three theological schools merged together: Pine Hill (United Church of Canada); King's College (Anglican); and Holy Heart (Roman Catholic). We continue our close relationship with the United Church, and two-thirds of our degree students are United Church members. People from across Canada (every province) study with us.



In 2018-19, we continued to have a 'steady' enrolment pattern with 156 students. We offer the M.Div. (residential) degree; M.Div. (summer distance) degree; M.A. (jointly with Saint Mary's University); Diploma in Youth Ministry; Diploma in Theological Studies; and Diploma in the New Evangelization (a Roman Catholic initiative). As a full-integrated ecumenical theological university, we delight in the growth and graces we enjoy through constant contact and shared learning with peers from other Christian traditions. United Church of Canada students (from any Region) who are preparing for ministry enjoy a full tuition bursary for all years.

Continuing Education is an important aspect of what we do. This past year we offered a unique Social Enterprise Symposium and an online Feminist Spirituality course, for example. An increasing number of ministers are taking our M.A. degree (online or on campus) to further their learning.

A few campus renovations have been taking place, including the construction of Halifax Hospice on our property. We're happy to get to know this new neighbour and partner as they fulfill their important mission.

AST was a co-founder of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs, and has been involved for many years with its work. This year, in response to CCEPA's desire for increased autonomy, AST withdrew from the governance aspect of CCEPA, and CCEPA moved off our campus. We will remain active in their programming.

Like everyone associated with the United Church, we are adjusting to the new polity and structures that have been approved—for example, we have adapted the terms of reference for appointments to our Senate, and we are learning how best to relate to the new Candidacy Boards. If you have advice or suggestions for us, please get in touch any time. Our central aim is to serve the church, and we deeply value the partnership we share with you.

Respectfully,
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