

**ACTS SPIRITUAL COMPANION FORMATION PROGRAM
OBLATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

It is a difficult time that we find ourselves in these days at Oblate School of Theology, ACTS Missions and around the world. This place of uncertainty leaves us with the inability to predict if everything we are planning will come to fruition in the way we expect. However, we are a people of hope and believe that this time will end, and we will become resurrected people once again. So, we continue to prepare for a new class. This will be our 10th year of offering this program. The information below sets out program information with its admission and completion requirements, as well as program tuitions and fees. Please read through the program information and then get back to us with any questions you might have regarding the program and process. We know that finances tend to be one of the concerns of many of our applicants. However, we encourage you to not let that concern get in the way of applying for the program. We have many ways to address the issue and can have that conversation when you are ready.

1. The program is a two-part (two years in most cases) certificate formation program.

- First part (Fall and Spring semesters) being comprised of
 - class room lectures on various topics, including: Church history, Sacred Scripture, Christology, Sacramental Theology, Moral Theology, Pastoral Listening, Liturgy, Ecclesiology and Christian Prayer and Spirituality;
 - course readings (3 books);
 - preparation of prayer experiences;
 - preparation of theological reflections (3) and Sacraments Talk;
 - retreats (opening retreat; mid-year day retreat and closing retreat).
- Second part (length of time depends on retreat circumstances) is a supervised practicum
 - the student prepares all the formation for a team preparing for an ACTS retreat and
 - Practicum Class attendance for ongoing development.
- Tuition and Fees (2021 Cohort):
 - Total tuition and fees: \$2740
 - Payments will be made to Oblate School of Theology. Payment plans are available to the students
- Financial Assistance:
 - This is a link to the Archdiocese of San Antonio's lay ministry assistance fund:
<https://www.archsa.org/academy/financial-assistance>.
 - Parish assistances
 - Oblate School of Theology: *ACS Program Scholarship Fund* and *OST Tuition Assistance Program*

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Application Deadline: August 15, 2021** (ALL documents must be submitted for application completion)

*Due to the current pandemic concerns and protocols: OPENING RETREAT will BE ONLINE.
Until further notices CLASSES will be ONLINE.*

- **Required opening retreat (ONLINE):**
August 26-29, 2021
- **Required closing retreat:**
April 21-24, 2022
Oblate Renewal Center
San Antonio, Texas

Please contact me with questions or concerns.

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