

Name of Applicant	ADVANCE MINISTRY PREPARATION  ETHICAL CONDUCT STANDARD
ADVANCE Center (Code & Name)	

The ADVANCE Ministry Preparation program, sponsored by Gateway Seminary, is an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention and has as its basic function, the education of Christian ministers and other church leaders. In its admission policies, GS-ADVANCE assumes the student has the spiritual maturity, integrity, and morality in accordance with Christian standards set forth in the Bible and his church approval. Every student is expected to have proper personal ethical conduct, financial responsibility, and active church involvement.

The total record of a student is subject to review each time a person enrolls. GS-ADVANCE reserves the right to discontinue at any time the enrollment of any student(s) whose quality of performance, active church involvement, personal and ethical conduct, or financial status is deemed unsatisfactory. It is required that students who have given evidence of a divine call, who are preparing for the Christian ministry and who have sought entrance into this institution shall conduct themselves in a manner deemed by the Seminary as conduct becoming a Southern Baptist minister. The Seminary shall initiate disciplinary action should the standard of personal and ethical conduct be violated. Violation of this standard includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1. Academic misconduct, including plagiarism and/or cheating
- 2. Possession, sale, or use of narcotics or illegal drugs; or use of alcoholic beverages
- Sexual misconduct, including cohabitation, inappropriate displays of affection or attention, lewd and indecent language or conduct, and homosexual behavior/activity
- 4. Issuing false statements/testimony to the Seminary (oral or written) regarding the matter of admission, registration, or other official records, or any forgery/falsification of records
- 5. Financial irresponsibility or impropriety, including non-payment of ADVANCE accounts
- 6. Fighting/assault, acts of aggression, abusive behavior, physical threats, or any disruptive/disorderly conduct deemed reckless and dangerous
- 7. Theft of ADVANCE or personal property, unauthorized entry, or abuse of property
- 8. Conviction of criminal offense
- 9. Harassment, demeaning speech or actions
- 10. Disrespectful or disobedient behavior toward any ADVANCE official

Specific questions or concerns related to these Ethical Conduct Standards should be directed to the GS VP of Student Services or Local ADVANCE Director.

I affirm that I have read, understand and will fully comply with these standards as long as I am actively enrolled in ADVANCE. I also understand that any violation of the standards may result in disciplinary action as set forth or referenced in official Gateway Seminary publications.

Signature Date