



Integration Paper Rubric

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- *exposition* of material from Scripture, Church teaching, theology, and other pertinent areas of study that address this problem or issue (5–6 pages);
- *application* of theological/intellectual insights to the problem or issue in a genuinely useful way and a *resolution* of the problem or issue that reflects sound practice of one’s pastoral ministry specialization (3–4 pages);
- *reflection on personal discipleship and growth* . how was the candidate challenged and how did the candidate meet the challenge to further personal and spiritual growth (2–3 pages).

Rubric: The following are the demonstrated expectations for each section of the integration paper. 50 points are possible. Papers that earn less than 25 points should be re-written.

Description:	<p>The problem or issue and its description must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant, • Current, • clearly defined and described, • A practical issue, • specific, • coherently expressed 	1-5 points
Exposition	<p>The exposition of Scripture and Tradition and Church Documents must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cited correctly, • use diverse references including scripture and church documents, • relevant to the issue being presented, • reflective of the historical development of Church teaching 	1-15 points

Application:	Application of the research to the issue should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clearly developed and presented, • useful, • practical, • insightful 	1-15 points
Reflection:	The reflection should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • articulation of insight into personal development • articulation of spiritual growth, • descriptive of personal change 	1-15 points

Instructions for Section Three: Integration Paper.

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