DERECH HACHAIM SEMINARY

ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Application Process:

In order to initiate the application process, we encourage qualified students to contact Mrs. Miriam Kleinman, Program Director Year I, at 845-783-5820 ext. 2315.

Applicants should:

A. Provide personal and contact information.
B. Participate in a personal interview with the Program Director.
C. Provide records of high school documentation or a recognized equivalent.

No formal standardized or entrance exams are administered as part of the application process.

Admission Criteria:

Generally, students applying to DHS must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Have graduated high school and provide evidence of high school graduation
2. Have completed homeschooling at the secondary level as defined by state law and provide documentation of homeschooling
3. Meet one of the recognized equivalents. Recognized equivalents include:

    a. A GED certificate.
    b. A certificate or other official completion documentation demonstrating that the student has passed a state-authorized examination (such as the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or, in California, the California High School Proficiency Exam) that the state recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (certificates of attendance and/or completion are not included in this qualifying category).
    c. An associate's degree.
    d. The successful completion of at least 60 semester or trimester credit hours or 72 quarter credit hours that does not result in the awarding of an associate's

degree, but that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree at any institution.

e. Enrollment in a bachelor's degree program where at least 60 semester or trimester credit hours or 72 quarter credit hours have been successfully completed, including credit hours transferred into the bachelor's degree program.

The institution will maintain documentation of the high school diploma or its recognized equivalent.

Derech Hachaim Seminary does not utilize an Ability to Benefit test for admitting students.

The applicant is assessed based on suitability and premise for success with regard to the institution's mission. We seek students who are committed to the mission and goals of the program, can benefit from the educational environment of the program, and demonstrate satisfactory skills and knowledge level to participate in advanced Judaic studies.

Admission to Derech Hachaim Seminary is open to female members of the Orthodox Jewish faith without regard to color, race, national origin, or handicap.