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Cross Theological Seminary and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Announce Strategic Partnership

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS — October 29, 2025 — Cross Theological Seminary is pleased to announce a formal academic partnership with **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS)** in New Orleans, Louisiana. This collaboration strengthens both institutions' shared commitment to preparing the next generation of ministry leaders for service in the church and on mission around the world.

Through this partnership, graduates of Cross Theological Seminary who earn a **Master of Theological Studies (MTS)** degree may transfer the entirety of their degree hours into the **Master of Divinity (MDiv)** program at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Students can then complete an additional 39 credit hours to earn the MDiv degree. The agreement also provides clear pathways for students to carry credit forward into other advanced programs at NOBTS, including doctoral-level studies.

Cross Seminary President Dr. Jeff Crawford expressed appreciation for the partnership, stating:

“As a newly established seminary, we are profoundly encouraged by the confidence that New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has expressed in our mission to equip the next generation of leaders for ministry and mission. This partnership represents a strategic and mutually beneficial alignment between our institutions, establishing a robust and dynamic pathway for students pursuing advanced theological education and ministerial preparation at a world-class institution such as New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.”

Founded in **2024**, Cross Theological Seminary is a ministry of **Cross Church** in Northwest Arkansas. The seminary currently offers **full-tuition scholarships** for the entirety of its Master of Theological Studies program to all accepted students.

For more information about Cross Theological Seminary and its partnership with New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, please visit www.CrossSeminary.com.

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