



THE RIVER

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

In partnership with



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Welcome to The River School of Ministry Program Overview

This packet is intended to provide prospective interns with an outline of The River Internship and what the program offers and entails. Our prayer is that you will review the information represented on these pages and prayerfully consider a period of servitude, mentorship, and rich refinement all while making advancements to achieve your desired academic goals.

If you feel God is leading you to participate in this program, we encourage you to take the next step and fill out an application.

Church

The River Internship is a ministry of River of Life Fellowship, a non-denominational church that has been sharing the love of Jesus in Kent, Washington since 1982. Passionate about growing a diverse and multi-generational body, River of Life Fellowship recognizes the invaluable need for programs and outreaches that will have an eternal impact on individuals both inside and outside of the church.

School

Northwest University is a Christian university affiliated with the Assemblies of God located in Kirkland, Washington. Northwest University was founded in 1934 and has more than 20 years of experience in non-traditional education. Their goal is to provide a quality Christian education that prepares leaders for the new horizons of this everchanging world.

Internship (Church + School)

We have a unique partnership with Northwest University that allows us to collaborate to bring a comprehensive experience that pushes participants to grow in a multifaceted way. The collision of church and school allows us to offer a rich program that provides a more well-rounded educational experience for Christian college-aged students.

Northwest University provides a flexible academic program that is fully online and can adapt to your life and schedule. This program is merged with real life application at River of Life Fellowship where we create an atmosphere for personal, spiritual, and professional growth to take place.

Our Mission:

To equip future generations of the church with foundational knowledge and training in personal, spiritual, and professional areas that will empower them to be impactful leaders both inside and outside of the church.

Personal

We want to provide opportunities to grow on a personal level during the course of the program. You will be receiving personal mentorship and practical teaching on life skills from gifted individuals that are connected to the church.

Spiritual

You will be taking a deep dive into your relationship with Jesus Christ throughout this program. We, along with classes that are a part of your academic schedule, will be expanding your biblical knowledge and creating opportunities for you to discover your calling.

Professional

This program is not just about developing pastors, worship leaders, and ministry personnel. Our desire is that we would raise up successful individuals that have a foundation in Christ that will make an impact wherever they choose to work.

The following degrees are available:

- Certificate in Ministry Leadership
- Associate of Arts
- AA in Ministry Leadership
- BA in Ministry Leadership
- BA in Psychology
- BA in Business Management
- BA in Organizational Leadership
- BA in Organizational Management
- BA in Interdisciplinary Studies
- BA in Humanitarian Studies
- BA in Professional Communication

Costs:

Tuition charges and fees are significantly reduced. Waived fees include Northwest University application fee, confirmation deposit, health services fee, technology fee, and student services fee. All costs are eligible for federal financial aid. Students are financially responsible for their account at Northwest University. Textbooks and miscellaneous supply costs are not included.

Participating in the internship program and following the specified requirements will allow you to receive 3 credits per semester at no charge.

Fall Semester

Tuition (12 credits) \$5,092

Ministry Internship Tuition (3 credits) \$0

Spring Semester

Tuition (12 credits) \$5,092

Ministry Internship Tuition (3 credits) \$0

Total Cost \$10,184

This competitive rate is lower than many other local colleges and is an incredible value when you factor in the experience, exposure, and opportunity that the internship will provide.

Beyond applying for **scholarships** and completing the **FAFSA**, we do encourage students to **work** while participating in the program to lessen the financial burden. We have tailored the program's schedule to make this easier to handle working while participating in the internship.

Academic Schedule:

2021-2022 School Year August 30 – May 01

FALL SEMESTER (15 weeks)		SPRING SEMESTER (15 WEEKS)	
SESSION A (7 WEEKS)	SESSION B (7 WEEKS)	SESSION A (7 WEEKS)	SESSION B (7 WEEKS)
CLASS 1 (3 CREDITS)	CLASS 1 (3 CREDITS)	CLASS 1 (3 CREDITS)	CLASS 1 (3 CREDITS)
CLASS 2 (3 CREDITS)	CLASS 2 (3 CREDITS)	CLASS 2 (3 CREDITS)	CLASS 2 (3 CREDITS)
MINISTRY INTERNSHIP (3 CREDITS)		MINISTRY INTERNSHIP (3 CREDITS)	
TOTAL CREDITS = 30			

Classes:

Northwest University is a Christian College, so in addition to your required degree-specific classes, you will be taking biblically based courses.

All classes are accessible 24/7 online so that you have the freedom to fit your academics into the established internship schedule, along with your personal schedule.

Sample first-year student schedule:

Fall – Session A

- Jesus the Messiah
- Life Calling
- Internship/Practicum

Fall – Session B

- Composition I
- New Testament
- Internship/Practicum

Spring – Session A

- Old Testament
- Composition II
- Internship/Practicum

Spring – Session B

- Christian Thought
- General Psychology
- Internship/Practicum

Assignment Schedule:

Each week you will have the same assignment schedule to help create a cadence that will assist in time management and offer consistency when needing to allocate time for personal and internship responsibilities and activities.

- Monday through Wednesday: Reading and Viewing Assignments
- Wednesday: Reading and Viewing Practice Quiz
- Thursday: Reading and Viewing Quiz
- Thursday: Discussion Post
- Saturday: Replies to Discussion Posts from Other Students
- Sunday: Applied Learning Activity (ALA – usually an essay)

Week 7: Summative Project

Requirements for Internship/Practicum Credit:

- 8-12 hours in internship per week (including intern meeting, chapel, leadership training, etc.)
 - 4 hours (of the 8-12 total) serving in ministry area per week
- Weekly reflection on internship in the intern meeting
 - Reflection paper or presentation at the end of each semester
- Read a personal development book each semester and submit a recap of your takeaways

Weekly Internship Schedule:

Sunday - Church: check in from 8-8:30am. Attend 9am service and serve at 11am service.

Monday - 9am-3pm

Intern day: prayer, leadership, serve in ministry.
Student check in's, optional study hall 2-3pm*

Tuesday - 9am-3pm

Intern day: prayer, chapel, leadership, serve in ministry.
Student check in's, optional study hall 2-3pm*

* Students who choose not to go to study hall will stay to serve in the ministry of their choice until 3pm.

Wednesday - Service: check in at 5pm.

Thursday – Saturday: Work, study, and rest

Serving Rotations:

Serving in ministry for four hours per week will allow you to further explore and refine your gifts, talents, and the calling that God has placed on your life. You will be working alongside many of the staff and volunteers at the church and will be doing so in a rotation-style manner your first semester. This will allow you to be exposed to several different ministries, as well as mentors. There will be an established schedule to follow, and when you become a 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year student, you will be set in a more permanent serving role.

Helps

Greeter

Usher

Security

Parking Lot

Welcome Center

Espresso Stand

Media

Sound

Cameras

Video

Photo

Graphics

Lyrics and Verses

Kids

Nursery

2's, 3's, and 4's

Kindergarten-6th grade

Youth

Jr. High 7th-8th

High School 9th-12th

Worship Team

Main Service

Youth

Young Adults

Admin

Printing

Data Entry

Registration

Additional Activities:

There will be several activities planned throughout the school year that will encourage the strengthening of friendships within the internship, foster your relationship with Jesus, and offer you the exposure to connect with people in ministry and your field of study.

The following activities are tentatively planned:

- Intern family dinners and weekend retreats
- Outreach opportunities in the community
- Worship nights
- Attending local conferences and events at other churches in the area
- A networking night to build connections for potential future endeavors
- Mission Trip – Dream Center in the spring

Support:

This program will bring about a season of growth, which will be challenging at times. This is why we have intentional and practical avenues of support for you so that you do not have to walk through this alone. We, along with NU, are here for you.

From the Church

The Director of The River Internship is Pastor Isaiah Robinson.

Interns will schedule quarterly check ins with Pastor Isaiah during a designated study hall time to ensure that you are thriving and not just surviving in the program

He will be the primary facilitator of all chapel meetings

He is a full-time staff member at River of Life Fellowship and available to you during all scheduled meeting times and at any point in time

He will be mentoring you throughout the program

The Coordinator of the River Internship.

General questions and concerns can be pointed to the coordinator. They will provide guidance and assistance regarding academics, schedules, etc.

Study Hall

We have a designated space at River of Life Fellowship that will serve as a place to study, conduct chapel, connect with other interns, etc.

From the School

The following resources are provided by Northwest University:

Online Writing Center: Students are able to submit rough drafts of essays online for editing and suggestions

Online Tutoring: Students have 24/7 access to online tutoring in every subject (via live chat and email)

NU Library Online: Students have 24/7 access to the NU library's extensive collection of eBooks

NU Reference Librarians: Students have 24/7 access to online reference librarians for research and essay writing help

Core Values/What We Believe:

The core values and foundational belief system of The River Internship are representative of those established by River of Life Fellowship, which can be found on the church's website: <https://theriver.church/what-we-believe/>. We encourage you to review these before applying to the program to ensure that you will be able to submit to the authority governed by these overarching values and beliefs.

Guidelines:

Age:

Must be 18-30 years old.

Behavior:

It is imperative that we live a life above reproach. The following list, designed for your protection, are prohibited activities:

- Using profanity of any kind.
- Consuming alcohol, smoking, chewing tobacco, and using illegal drugs.
- Having sex or other inappropriate sexual activities.
- Going to clubs or bars.
- Participating in gambling.

You also must be above reproach in your entertainment choices. In particular:

- **Movies** – Movies of any rating should be researched and judged to see if they are appropriate in theme and in content. You must be willing to choose not to see many movies of varying rating due to questionable content.
- **Music** – Music should be appropriate in theme and in content, with consideration for the artist's character as well.

- **Internet** – The internet is a valuable tool, with great potential for compromise when used inappropriately. Sites that include pornography or any other sexual images must not be visited. In general, be balanced in your use of the internet.

Dating:

We believe that your experience as an intern will be greatly enhanced if you set aside this time for the focuses of school, ministry, and your life's direction. The following guidelines will help you to get the most out of The River Internship:

- As a 1st year intern, we strongly encourage you to not involve yourself in a dating relationship. If you are in a relationship at start the program, you will need to set up an accountability system with the director.
- As a 2nd year intern and beyond, you have the freedom to pursue a Christ-centered dating relationship with using discretion, accountability, and maturity. The following guidelines must be adhered to:
 - Dating relationships must be limited to non-ministry hours.
 - No dating relationships with high school students are allowed.
 - Dating relationships with another intern must be approved by the director.

Any questions regarding these guidelines can be addressed on an individual basis.

Dress Code:

You are ultimately representing Jesus, as well as The River Internship, River of Life Fellowship, and Northwest University, therefore your dress should be neat, tasteful, and modest.

Here are some guidelines based on our schedule:

Business casual on Monday nights during Leadership Training sessions as you will be taught by and interacting with special guests.

Casual and modest during all other official meeting and serving times.

Comfortable and modest during some select activities.

Attendance:

If you do need to take any time off during the year because you are sick or have a family or work emergency, it is your responsibility to communicate your absence with the program director. Similar to your course work at school, you must make up missed ministry responsibilities.

Grades:

You must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA to remain eligible to earn practicum credits, however our expectation is that you would maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA or above.

Expectations:

- Be on time
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle – take care of your body so that you are at your best
- Seek after God in everything that you do
- Be respectful and maintain a coachable attitude
- Carve out time for God – prayer, worship, reading the Word, etc.
- Be an upstanding representative of Jesus, the church, and the program
- Participate and have fun

Discipline:

If these guidelines are not abided by, you will be subject to not participating in some activities and receiving corrective action from the director or Northwest University and the director.

If you are ready to take the next step in pursuing this internship program so that you can be equipped with tools, experience, and knowledge to be able to navigate life after acquiring your degree, apply today!

Contact Info:

For more information about The River Internship, feel free to contact us at 253-859-0832 or trsom@theriver.church. For further details on Northwest University and their offerings, you can check out their website [here](#).

THE NORTHWEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Degree	Enrollment Contact	Credits	Cost Per Credit	Program Start Date	Application Deadline	Additional
MA Leadership Studies	jamie.shores@northwestu.edu	36	\$622	May 9, 2022 July 4, 2022 Aug 29, 2022 Oct 24, 2022	Applicants reviewed throughout the year	- \$60 fee per semester - Ministry Development & Organizational Management Cognates
MA Bible and Theology	jamie.shores@northwestu.edu	36	\$622	May 9, 2022 July 4, 2022 Aug 29, 2022 Oct 24, 2022	Applicants reviewed throughout the year	- \$60 fee per semester
Master in Ministry	jamie.shores@northwestu.edu	30	\$622	May 9, 2022 July 4, 2022 Aug 29, 2022 Oct 24, 2022	Applicants reviewed throughout the year	- \$60 fee per semester
MA Business Administration	bamana.larsen@northwestu.edu	36	\$636	Aug 29, 2022 Jan 9, 2023	Applicants reviewed throughout the year	- \$60 fee per semester
MA Clinical Mental Health Counseling	daniela.steinkamp@northwestu.edu	60	\$677	Aug 30, 2022	Jan 31 & Apr 1	- Best for those seeking licensure in WA - Three 4-day on Kirkland, WA campus residencies
MA International Community Development	icdinfo@northwestu.edu	36	\$727	Aug 22, 2022	Apply Dec 1 - May 1 space is available	- 6-8 credits per semester - Two international trips
MS Data Analysis and Research Psychology	daniela.steinkamp@northwestu.edu	36	\$598	May 9, 2022 Aug 29, 2022 Jan 9, 2023	Applicants reviewed if space is available	- One-class at a time for 8 weeks
MS Nursing	lise.mowery@northwestu.edu	36	\$595	Aug 22, 2022	May 1 Jun-Aug applicants reviewed if space is available	- WA, OR and MT Only - Optional Mission Trip - Practice experiences near you - No deposit - Various fees

ONLINE DEGREES

These degrees are offered online. Course work is completed a-synchronously. Applicants pay a \$30 application fee. The deposit charged (typically \$150, \$350 for ICD) is accredited toward tuition. Tuition is due Tuesday prior to start date for MALS, MABT, MIM, MBA, ICD, MSN. Tuition Due approximately 3 weeks after start date for CMHC and MSDARP. NPP Partners will receive a program support payment (PSP) for each student enrolled through their Partnership once the tuition is paid. The PSP will be the equivalent to the number of credits of tuition paid multiplied by 10% of the per credit cost for College of Ministry online graduate courses (\$186 per 3-credit course).



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