

Position Description for the Christian Reformed Campus Minister
University of Calgary
Classis Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan

The aim of the Campus Ministry is to educate and witness to the reign of Jesus Christ according to the following two overarching goals:

1. The Campus Minister will serve as a leavening agent of God's Kingdom within the campus milieu, on a mission of love to the intellectual world of the academy. The Campus Minister will engage the University as a voice of Christian witness, participating in and influencing the conversation of ideas in missional engagement with the educational institution. The Campus Minister will model and encourage the integration of learning and faithfulness in this mission of academic witness and intellectual evangelism that engages the heart, hands and mind.
2. The Campus Minister will educate and mentor students and develop their faith by establishing and nurturing a community of believers on campus. This education is directed to whole-life discipleship but takes seriously the academic context of the ministry, engaging in a discussion of the content and contemporary implications of a Christian worldview within this context. Helping students to relate their faith creatively to their studies is central to this ministry.

Activities aimed at pursuing these goals can be grouped in the following categories, recognizing that there is obvious overlap:

Establishing and engaging a Christian community that supports the work on campus:

1. Seek out, through various means, students, faculty and staff who are members of the Christian Reformed Church.
2. Relate to the churches of Classis Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan by means of preaching and speaking about the ministry.
3. Maintain a visible profile on campus, so as to provide easy access to the campus minister. If possible, the campus minister should have an office on campus.

Ministering to students:

4. Counsel students who wish to talk with a campus minister about personal stressors and/or their Christian faith.
5. Encourage and assist students to participate in their churches and, where feasible, assist in providing worship opportunities for students.
6. Provide or recommend contemporary resources (written, audio-visual, digital) that stimulate a growing knowledge and faith.

Additional academic missional activities:

7. Engage faculty and university staff members, including those in the university power structure and serve on strategic campus committees where appropriate.
8. Assist with the setting up of conferences, workshops, lectures and the like with the on-going Christian groups on campus by being an active participant and/or resource person.
9. Be available for teaching from a Christian perspective. This could include credit courses at the university, leading organized Bible study, non-credit courses, guest lectures and articles in the campus press.

Relating to other ministries on campus:

10. Maintain good relations with other chaplains on campus, both Christians and those of other faiths, and be a member of the Christian Reformed Campus Ministry Association.

Administrative and evaluative activities:

11. Periodically assess and evaluate existing ministries as well as plan for new opportunities for ministry. Campus ministry must always remain alert and flexible to changes on the campus and in the attitudes of students and faculty.
12. Seek out and train volunteers, from within both the campus and support communities, for campus ministry.
13. Meet regularly with the University of Calgary Campus Ministry Committee to report on all existing programs/interactions and provide information on new ideas or situations that occur on campus. The campus minister engages in this ministry in partnership with and subject to the supervision of the University of Calgary Campus Ministry Committee and so the job description could undergo evolution as the ministry itself progresses.