



MISSION COLLEGE

HANDBOOK & APPLICATION
2019 - 2020

WHAT IS MISSION COLLEGE?

Overview

Mission College is designed to help students (ages 18-25) discover their unique calling and aid them in their journey of becoming everything God has created them to become.

Mission College is comprised of three major components:

- ***EDUCATION*** – which is full-time and fully accredited through Southeastern University
- ***INTERNSHIP*** – with Mission Church in Walnut Creek, California
- ***EXPERIENCE*** – including two retreats and an international mission's trip

Mission College is designed to prepare students to flourish in both life and career (whether their future career is in the ministry or marketplace).

Duration of Program

The duration of Mission College is specific to each student and dependent upon their educational program, ranging from one year to four years. Students have the option to attend for one year, discover who they are and what they are created to do, and then transfer their units to the university of their choice. Students can also attend for two years and receive an associate degree, or students can attend for four years and receive a bachelor's degree.

Cost of Program

The cost of Mission College is \$11,920. The program includes one year of full-time education through Southeastern University (tuition, site fee, tech fee, and miscellaneous related materials), an intensive internship with Mission Church, hands on discipleship and leadership training, as well as several life-changing experiences (two retreats, missions trip, family days, etc.). It does *not* include books and supplies or housing.

The housing option is an additional \$10,500. It includes a furnished apartment throughout the duration of the program (late August 2019 – early May 2020), as well as utilities (such as water, gas and electric, and internet). It does *not* include meals or a food plan.

Details for each of these elements are expounded upon in the articles below.

EDUCATION

Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida, partners with Mission Church to host an instructional site on our church campus. Southeastern University offers excellent college education

for an affordable price. With regional accreditation, Southeastern University is well established and proud to offer students opportunities to discover their divine design.

Accreditation

Southeastern University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctorate degrees.

Programs

Admission counselors from Southeastern University will help incoming students make sure transcripts, financial aid, and all other required forms are right on track, and even help students determine the best degree program for them. Whether students are freshman or transfer students, admission counselors will be dedicated to their needs. So, instead of feeling overwhelmed, students will feel ready and prepared as they begin earning or continue chipping away at their degree.

Currently the follow degree programs are available to Mission College students:

- Associate of Arts, General Education
- Associate of Ministerial Leadership
- Bachelor of Science in Ministerial Leadership

More degrees programs may be available to students upon request.

Financial Aid

Students can apply for financial aid through Southeastern University. After completing the admission process for Mission College, students must complete the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students will then receive a financial award letter from Southeastern University. Financial aid counselors at Southeastern University are available to help students and parents with any questions.

FAFSAs are filed on fafsa.ed.gov. We encourage students to file the FAFSA as soon as they get accepted into SEU (via Mission College). Students will use the School Code of 001521 (Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL 33801). 2017 tax information will be used for 2019/2020 academic school year. Federal student aid possibilities include the following: Pell Grant (student eligibility determined through FAFSA: \$0-\$6095 per year), Practicum Scholarship, Student Loans (students can borrow \$5500 per year), Parent PLUS Loan (credit cased and borrowed on behalf of the student).

Payment plans are available. For financial aid inquires, contact Branden Hull (sitefa@seu.edu, or 863-667-5018 x 2).

INTERNSHIP

Students will receive hands-on discipleship and leadership training by means of a comprehensive internship with Mission Church.

First-year students will experience Ministry Rotations, providing students with an incredible opportunity to experience all facets of ministry and discover their unique interests and calling. During each Ministry Rotation, students will be taught and disciplined by Mission Church staff members. Students will also serve in their respective Ministry Rotation during Sunday services and special events. Second-year students are able to request their desired ministry focus.

The four Ministry Rotations are as follows: Discipleship (Mission Groups and Mission College), Creative Arts and Worship, Generational Ministries (Mission Youth and Mission Kids), and First Impressions (Next Steps, Mission Track, etc.).

In addition to Ministry Rotations, students will participate in a Practicum course taught by Mission Church staff and guest speakers (consisting of successful women and men in both ministry and the marketplace).

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY: CHURCH (7:00am – 2:00pm)

- Set-up and pre-service prayer
- Serve at all services (in specific Ministry Rotations)
- Tear-down and debrief

MONDAY: SCHOOL & CHURCH (10:00am – 3:00pm)

- Study Hall
- Lunch break
- Ministry Rotations

TUESDAY: CHURCH (10:00am – 3:00pm)

- Mission Church Staff Meetings
- Lunch break
- Ministry Rotations

WEDNESDAY: SCHOOL & CHURCH (10:00am – 3:00pm)

- Practicum course
- Lunch break
- Ministry Rotations

THURSDAY: FAMILY DAY & SCHOOL (9:00 – 3:00pm)

- Devotions and workouts
- Study Hall
- (Family Day once a month)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY: DAYS OFF

- For studying or part-time employment

EXPERIENCE

Along with regionally accredited education through Southeastern University and a comprehensive internship with Mission Church, Mission College provides several life-changing experiences for students to grow in their relationships with God and others and discover their unique calling.

Retreats

Students will attend two spiritual retreats. The first retreat is located in stunning Lake Tahoe and occurs at the beginning of the school year. This is an opportunity for students to encounter the transformative presence of Jesus and prepare for the year ahead.

The second is in Los Angeles and occurs toward the end of the school year. The retreat is aimed at celebrating all of the accomplishments throughout the year and further aiding them in their discovery who they are and what they are uniquely created by God to do with their lives.

Missions Trip

Students will participate in one international Missions Trip. The trip will be led by Mission Church staff and in partnership with a trusted missions-oriented organization. This trip will occur in the springtime.

Family Days

Family days are a monthly opportunity for students to celebrate what God is doing in and through their lives, as well as celebrate their investment in Mission Church. It is also an opportunity to hang out with Mission Church staff in a relational context. Family days change in location and event, ranging anywhere from trips to San Francisco to Santa Cruz.

Fitness

Mission College believes that following Jesus is holistic: “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37). Students receive a gym membership while attending Mission College. No matter where a student is in regards to fitness and nutrition, students are simply asked to take the next step toward health. Weekly workouts take place to create a sense of comradery in this venture.

The Bay Area

Because Mission College is centrally located in Walnut Creek, students are able to experience the Bay Area and all of its wonders. Downtown Walnut Creek is a “miniature Beverly Hills” – brimming with stores, restaurants, coffee shops, and theaters.

San Francisco is only a 45-minute drive away, and the list of fun things to do is virtually endless (Golden Gate, Pier 39, Union Square, etc.)! For a beach experience, Santa Cruz is only an hour and a half away. Beautiful Lake Tahoe and Half Dome are within driving distance, as well.

If students are sports fans, the legendary Golden State Warriors play thirty minutes from Walnut Creek, not to mention all of the other Bay Area teams. Needless to say, the opportunities for fun, community, and entertainment are almost limitless in the Bay Area.

HOUSING OPTION

Mission College provides students with a housing option for an additional \$10,500. This allows students to cultivate community and provides them with the opportunity to develop real-life skills such as laundry, cooking, and time management.

The housing option consists of a furnished apartment in Walnut Creek (shared with other Mission College students), and utilities (including internet) are included.

Food is *not* included in our housing option. Students are allowed to have part-time employment (outside of the Mission College’s weekly schedule), however, for food and play.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Mission College is your priority in this season.
2. This is a gossip free environment.
3. Respect and honor the staff, other interns, and church properties.
4. Do not contact staff members on Sabbath and family days (Friday and Saturday). When in doubt, email.
5. Inquire; do not inform.
6. Show up on time.
7. Social media outlets must reflect the heart and values of Mission Church.
8. No drug abuse (including tobacco and marijuana), excessive drinking, or use of weapons during your time at Mission College.
9. We believe in healthy and Christ-centered relationships. Please sit down with Pastor Caleb when you’re starting a new one. We are here to help, not here to run your life.

ADMISSION PROCESS

The application process is as follows:

1. Submit an application for Mission College.
2. Interview with the Mission College Director (Pastor Caleb Esborg) in person or via Skype if out of the Bay Area.
3. Students will be contacted within one week of interview regarding acceptance (a submitted application does *not* guarantee admission into Mission College).
4. Once accepted, submit relevant forms to Southeastern University.



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OFFICIAL APPLICATION

Email to:
Pastor Caleb Esborg
caleb@missionchurchca.com

Or mail to:
Mission Church Offices
1901 Olympic Blvd., Suite 300
Walnut Creek, California

Personal Info

Name

Email

Phone

Address

Birthday

Gender

Marital Status

Are you a United States citizen?

Social Security Number

Present Occupation

Do you plan to work during your time here?

Will you apply for Student Housing?

Emergency Contact and Relationship

Emergency Contact Phone

Christian Life

Date you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior

Current Church

Church Address

Pastor's Name

Pastor's Phone

Essay

In a one-page essay, explain your relationship with Jesus: how you came to know Him, any defining moments in your relationship with Him, and where you feel like He's leading you in life.

Christian Character Reference Letter

Have a pastor or Christian mentor complete a Christian Character Reference Letter for you. Attach both this document and your one-page essay to this Mission College Application upon submission.

Agreement to the Student Code of Conduct

I agree to adhere by the Student Code of Conduct as long as I am in attendance at Mission College. I understand that my words, deeds, and social media posts represent Mission Church, Mission College, and Jesus Christ Himself. Therefore, I will do my best to honor Jesus in all things.

Printed Name

Signature

Date
