

Graduate Assistantship Position Description
Focus: Social Justice and Service
Rounding: Residence Life and Retreat Ministries

With a focus in social justice and service, this Graduate Assistant works within Campus Ministry's Center for Social Concern to raise student awareness, understanding of, and engagement in Catholic Social Teaching. The GA collaborates with their supervisory campus minister to implement initiatives for students to engage in experiential learning about the intersection of faith and justice. Rounding out this focus experience in social justice and service, this GA will gain experience in key aspects of residence life ministry (primarily pastoral care and ministry of presence) and retreat ministry under the mentorship of a campus ministers who focus on these areas of ministry.

I. Ministry Role, Responsibilities, and Relationships

A. Focus Ministry Responsibilities (approx. 60%)

- Work with the Center for Social Concern team to engage students in variety of initiatives designed to support student learning and advocacy around issues of justice
- Engage students in experiential learning about the intersection of faith and justice by planning and facilitating one Plunge each semester
- Collaborate with supervisor to form the student leadership team for Real Dayton and to facilitate the Real Dayton experience
- Partner with the Vocation Focused GA to teach the Spring Beyond UD mini-course
- Collaborate to lead the Faith in Action Journey Group in January/February

B. Rounding Ministry Responsibilities (approx. 30%)

- Be available as a spiritual and pastoral resource to students in Gardens on Stuart by responding to pastoral care needs and facilitating Faith and Life chats
- Work with mentor to support the spiritual needs of Gardens staff and to foster working relationships with Gardens housing staff in order to facilitate responsive pastoral care in Gardens. This includes:
 - providing semi-regular campus ministry presence at Gardens RA meetings
 - assisting with Residence Life Ministry mini-retreat for RAs during August RA Orientation (ULI)
 - meeting residents through first CBMs in August/September
- Facilitate a Spring Wilderness Retreat

C. Additional Valuable Opportunity to Broaden Ministerial Experience

- Lead a breakout or immersion
 - This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable campus ministry experience in leading experiential learning opportunities about Catholic Social Teaching and leading an extended ministry experience with students.
 - This is an important way that a GA can contribute to a vital aspect of our shared mission and to broaden their ministerial experience. To inquire about this additional opportunity contact Mary Niebler.

D. Relationship with Supervisor

- Meet weekly with individual supervisor to discuss progress on ministerial development and goals including challenges, successes, values, and feelings centered around reflection on ministry experiences, ministerial application of academic work, and development of ministerial skills (weekly meetings are typically an hour in length)
- Engage in a collaborative style of ministry receiving and giving feedback and sharing ideas with one another
- Participate in a mid-year and end of year self-assessment, appraisal, and goal setting process

E. Relationship with Rounding Mentor

- Meet regularly with mentor during the period of active ministry in the rounding area to discuss progress, challenges, successes, and lessons learned in this aspect of ministry (regularity can be determined by the pair, suggested 30 min weekly or bi-weekly depending on the ministry)
- Engage in a collaborative style of ministry receiving and giving feedback and sharing ideas with one another

F. Participation with larger Campus Ministry Department (approx. 10%)

- Be an active member of the UD Campus Ministry Team through participation in Campus Ministry Team meetings and other events
- Participate in Residence Life Ministry team meetings
- Participate in a Campus Ministry sub-committee (beginning in January of first year)
- Share information on campus-wide Campus Ministry activities to ministry area
- Assist with campus-wide liturgies and other Campus Ministry events

G. Graduate Assistant Program Activities

- Participate in the August orientation for GAs.
- Participate in regular GA Pastoral and Spiritual Formation experiences (several times a month)
- Attend August and January GA retreats.

II. Commitment to academic excellence

- Maintain a 3.0 Academic Grade point average and 6 credit hours per semester (including summer sessions).
- Maintain a relationship with an Academic Advisor.
- Be responsible and on time with studies and assignments.
- Participate in activities of Religious Studies Program.