

Horizon Leadership Institute FAQs

What is our mission?

Our mission is to develop young leaders by helping them to identify their calling, grow in competency, and form character.

2 Timothy 2:2, "You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others."

What does the internship program include?

- Experience:

Each intern will choose a specific ministry track and is placed alongside a Horizon staff member in order to learn new skills.

- Exposure:

Each intern will be stretched through small group interaction, community care and coaching with Horizon leaders

- Education:

Students will receive staff training as well as academic course study through a partnership with Northwest University. NU is a top rated Christian University that is fully accredited and, through our partnership, intern tuition is half the cost of regular tuition rates. For more information on the university visit

<https://www.northwestu.edu>

What Certificates and Degrees are offered through this program?

- Under graduate programs

Bachelor of Arts in:

Business Management
Information Technology
Ministry Leadership
Organizational Management
Psychology
Public Safety Administration

- Associate and Certificate Programs-

Associate of Arts in:

General Studies
Ministry Leadership
Certificate in Ministry Leadership

<http://online.northwestu.edu/online-programs>)

What are the Ministry Track choices?

- Horizon Family Ministries Track: Pastor Josh Davis gives oversight to interns within both Horizon Kids and Youth ministries. He also coordinates the ministry schedule and assignments with Youth pastors and HK ministry directors.
- General Ministries/Missions Track: Pastor Alex Esquerra and Julie Gholston will provide oversight and training in the areas of community care, missions, pastoral care and benevolence.
- Media Arts Track: Pastor David Conlee oversees all of Horizons communications, graphic arts and video production. Interns will receive training in social media, audio-visual and Sunday morning service production.

****NOTE: potential media interns would be required to submit a portfolio of work.***

What is the time commitment?

Students can expect to devote 40 to 50 hours a week to the program, which includes the academic courses through Northwest University. Each 15-week semester is divided into two 7-week sessions with up to 12 credits per semester. With this plan a typical Associate of Arts degree will take about two years to complete.

For more information refer to the NU website (<https://www.northwestu.edu>).

Can I be in the program if I have a job?

It is recommended that students maintain a part-time job of 10-15 hours a week to help with expenses and to learn to create balance between work, school, home and social life.

What would a typical week look like?

Mondays: NU studies and homework

Tuesdays and Thursdays: Intern meetings, training, coaching, outings/outreach, and departmental ministry assignments

Wednesdays: NU studies and homework

Fridays: free day

Saturdays: As needed for ministry events

Sundays: required to be present and involved in ministry at one of the Horizon Campuses

Additionally: There will be occasional, required ministry field trips and conferences

What is the start date?

Classes will begin one week prior to the NU class schedule and will conclude one week following their term, August-December and January-May.

What is the cost for tuition, the internship, and books and when are they due?

- Tuition: \$4,768 per semester (\$9,536/year), payable to NU before the first day of classes
- Internship fee: included in the NU tuition
- Books: approximately \$200-\$250 per semester

Is there an application fee?

All application and student fees have been waived through this program.

What is the Horizon application process?

- Complete an Application (available for print on church website, <http://horizoncommunity.church/internship>) indicating preferred Ministry Track and which Degree or Certificate will be pursued.
- Mail Application to: Horizon Community Church, 23370 SW Boones Ferry Rd, Tualatin, OR 97062, Attn: HLI Coordinator Gwen Gibson.
- After the application has been submitted potential interns will have an interview with the HLI Director and Track Leads
- A Gifts Assessment Test will be taken at time of interview for placement purposes.

What is the Northwest University application process?

- After completing the Horizon internship application, students must complete a Church Partnership Program (CPP) Application through Northwest University
- Use the following link for direct access to the application: <https://nwu.secure.force.com/form?formid=217773>
- Concurrent Credit, Running Start Credit and Advanced Placement Credits are applicable towards most degrees

When is the application deadline for NU?

**Northwest University Application Deadline: Fall Semester - July 1st
/ Spring Semester - November 1st**

Can I get financial aid?

As a student of Northwest University you are eligible for government financial aid through grants, scholarships and subsidized loans. You must submit a FAFSA. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and use the **NU School Code: 003783** (online link can be found on the NU website for easy access). The earlier you submit the FAFSA the sooner NU will be able to analyze your financial aid eligibility to send you a financial assistance package for your consideration. You do not have to wait for your NU registration to be complete before submitting the FAFSA.

What do I need to complete the FAFSA?

You will need:

- Social Security Number
- Driver's license number, if you have one
- Your W-2 forms
- Federal income tax return
- Current bank statements and records of stocks, bonds, and other investments
- Records of other untaxed income received
- Your business or farm records, if applicable
- If you are NOT a US citizen, your alien registration number
- NU school Code: 003783
- Dependent Students: Your parents will also need the same information and forms to complete their section of the FAFSA. Remember your FAFSA cannot be processed without their information and signature

Who do I speak to with questions?

- Institute Director: Pastor Jerry Gibson gives general oversight of total program, teaches and coaches students, promotes program and recruits.
- Internship Coordinator: Gwen Gibson maintains day-to-day communications. She will be the coordinator between Northwest University, students, and Horizon. She works in partnership with Northwest to track student progress, finances and tracks the overall budget of HLI.
- Contact Information
 - Pastor Jerry Gibson: jgibson@horizoncommunity.church
 - Gwen Gibson: ggibson@horizoncommunity.church
- At any time, if a student is struggling in any area, the Internship Coordinator will work with the student to counsel and find resources to meet the needs of the student. Student success is our highest priority.