

Position Description

Graduate Assistant in the Center for Social Concern

The graduate assistant in the Center for Social Concern helps carry out the various activities of the Center focusing particularly on being a liaison with students and getting more student involvement in service and social justice awareness programs. This student-to-student relationship should help the undergrads to be involved at a deeper level.

I. Ministry Responsibilities and Relationships

A. Center for Social Concern Activities

The graduate assistant will help carry out the various activities of the center, with particular responsibility for collaborative leadership on

- Plunges (leadership for one each semester)
- Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week
- Alternative break (BreakOut) or Summer Immersion trips
- A mini-course that advances the Center's mission
- A social justice oriented faith-sharing group or Bible study
- Prayer services with a social justice focus
- Assisting with events and one-on-one reflection for students discerning post-graduate volunteering
- Assisting residence hall ministers to incorporate reflective civic engagement or social justice awareness programs

B. Relationship with Supervisor

- Meet weekly with individual supervisor to discuss goals, challenges, successes, values, and reflection on ministry experiences, ministerial application of academic work, and development of ministerial skills.
- Engage in a collaborative style of ministry giving feedback and sharing ideas with one another.
- Participate in a mid-year and end of year self-assessment and goal setting process with supervisor.
- Suggest/initiate new ministry possibilities for the Center of Social Concern based on your interests and student needs.

C. Participation with larger Campus Ministry department

- Be an active member of the UD Campus Ministry department through participation in department meetings, all major liturgies, and other events.
- Participate actively in the Center for Social Concern team (this includes weekly meetings and other activities).
- Participate in a Campus Ministry sub-committee.
- Share information on campus-wide Campus Ministry activities to ministry area.

D. Graduate Assistant Program Activities

- Participate in the August orientation for GAs.
- Participate in regular GA Pastoral and Spiritual Formation experiences (several times a month)
- Assist in the planning of and 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.

III. Overall Learning

- Specific ways in which GAs serve at UD are replete with possibility. While there are programs and traditions that GAs continue, there is plenty of room for personality and specialized ministry styles.
- Remember that these two years are intended to be a learning time; a time to try new things, to explore ministry, self, faith, etc. GAs should ask questions and seek to expose themselves to a variety of campus ministry experiences.
- GAs are half-time (20 hours/week) campus ministers. It is important to strike a balance between academics, ministry, and personal activities that maintain energy, health, and spiritual well-being.