

Mission Statement

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We, the people of Northwest University, carry the call of God by continually building a learning community dedicated to spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and empowered engagement with human need

Institutional Missional Values & Themes

The Mission of Northwest University, a Christian university affiliated with the Assemblies of God, is derived from the following missional values:

Spiritual Vitality

- Moving together in personal relationship with Christ Jesus and knowledge of God's calling, we dedicate ourselves to Spirit-filled service.
- Practicing discipleship and worship with biblical faithfulness, we develop courage and character to meet the challenges of our world.
- Crafting a diverse, lifelong community, we recognize the intrinsic worth and dignity of each individual and facilitate friendships and networks that reach out to welcome others in love.

Academic Excellence

- Exploring all truth with scholarly excellence, we build a biblical worldview to prepare each other for service and leadership throughout the world.
- Developing moral, spiritual, intellectual, and aesthetic values through the arts and sciences, we integrate faith, learning, and life.
- Thinking critically, we aid one another in academic achievement and lifelong pursuit of knowledge, wisdom, and skills.

Empowered Engagement

- Growing holistically, we clarify and obey individual God-given callings.
- Communicating and modeling the Gospel, we call people and communities to be reconciled to God and to each other.
- Demonstrating Spirit-inspired compassion and creativity, we meet the needs of individuals, build communities, and care for creation.

Core Theme One

- Building a caring community and enduring culture

Core Theme Two

- Developing Christian commitment and Spirit-formed lives

Core Theme Three

- Advancing academic engagement through teaching, learning and scholarly production

Core Theme Four

- Empowering people with the vision and tools to meet human need in their personal and professional lives.

Northwest University Supporting Documents

The Mission and Vision statements are supported by the Vision, Educational Philosophy, the Educational Goals, the Community Affirmation Statement, the Community Covenant, the Statement of Faith, the Reconciliation Statement, and the Seal of the University. All these documents are located in the University Academic catalog for easy reference.

Student Development Purpose and Core Capacities

Student Development Department Mission Statement

Student Development provides an engaged, collaborative environment in which students participate, take ownership, and apply their learning to God's call in their life.

Commitment to Whole-Person Development

Undergraduate students are at a life stage when they are developing a sense of individual identity, spiritual formation and vocational direction. The Student Development Division provides a variety of opportunities for students to cultivate leadership skills and to participate in service and ministry. Our hope is that as students learn to rely on God's grace for growth during their college years, they will develop priorities and habits of the heart that will enable them to be leaders to serve the church and contribute to society as alumni.

As Student Development staff, we work together with faculty in the unified purpose of enabling Northwest students to integrate their faith, learning, and living. It is precisely Northwest University's commitment to whole-life faith integration that gives it an unparalleled ability to develop a student of premier capabilities. The Student Development office is committed to providing a campus environment, programs, and service opportunities that cultivate a sense of Christian community. Co-curricular activities encourage thought and action that reflects and complements the student's classroom experience while also striving for the campus community to model commitment to Jesus Christ and to promote habits of lifelong learning. From classroom to chapel, and from student center to residence hall room, Northwest University is committed to maturing and developing the whole human being.

Core Capacities

The Mission and Vision statements of Northwest University find expression in the following Student Development *Core Capacities* that serve as the driving force for the University living and learning environment and programs. Research suggests that students learn the most during college from direct contact with other students. Given this principle, the Division of Student Development initiates intentional programs and services that support student learning. The *Core Capacities* of **Intellectual Development, Spiritual Formation, Wellness, Leadership** and **Citizenship** serve as the overarching learning outcomes attained through the out-of-class campus experience. With these Core Capacities as a blueprint for holistic learning, the Student Development Division facilitates a proactive and comprehensive student engagement program that establishes critical connections between students, faculty, staff, and the community. The program provides opportunities for life-shaping experiences that will result in academic success, a thoughtful approach to the integration of Christian faith and society, and healthy, life-long relationships. The individual core capacities are lived out in the following ways:

**INTELLECTUAL
CURIOSITY**

Characterized by...

**Critical Thinking
Lifelong Learning**

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Characterized by...

**Christian Commitment
Spiritual Formed Lives**

WELLNESS

Characterized by...

**Stewardship of Time and
Resources
Identity and Community
Health**

LEADERSHIP

Characterized by...

**Transformational Leadership
Change Initiation and Management
Emotional Intelligence
Communication**

CITIZENSHIP

Characterized by...

**Cultural Competence
Social Responsibility**