## WARNER PACIFIC COLLEGE

# CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES



### INVESTING IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Our urban campus in southeast Portland gives the Warner Pacific Department of Religion and Christian Ministries a distinct advantage. Our Wesleyan theological perspective reflects our commitment to issues of peace and justice, calling us to action as we invest in the lives of others and actively show up where God is already at work. In addition to the rigorous coursework you'd expect to find in a program of this caliber; classes like Life Span and Human Development, Experiencing God's Calling, and Christian Social Concern, will challenge you to explore areas of ministry outside of your comfort zone. Though you may have already decided on a career path, at Warner Pacific, you'll have the opportunity to discover additional areas of interest through a second year experience in four urban ministries. In your third year, you will deepen your knowledge through a focused internship experience, designed to stretch your thinking and equip you with marketable skills. The Humanities Core at Warner Pacific provides you a unique experience in your fourth year, as you prepare a written thesis within your chosen area of interest, strengthening your preparation for a professional life of meaning and purpose.

### **OUTSTANDING FACULTY ARE GUIDES ON YOUR JOURNEY**

Our department exists to assist the Church in forming leaders that speak and act in the name and style of Jesus Christ. Our faculty is dedicated to equipping students for relevant ministry in the 21st century and helping them discern God's calling on their lives.

Warner Pacific professors are committed to personally guiding students as they develop a Christ-centered perspective that integrates faith with their chosen academic discipline.



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### AT A GLANCE

### WARNER PACIFIC COLLEGE

- Founded in 1937 as Pacific Bible College
- 1,442 total students (501 Traditional,
- 860 Adult Degree Program, 81 Graduate)11:1 student/faculty ratio
- 43% of students residential, 57% commute
- 99% of full-time students receive financial aid
- \$19,136 average financial aid award
- 52% of incoming students identify as persons of color
- Religious affiliation: Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)

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### A SERVANT'S MIND

### "IF YOU ARE AFRAID TO GROW AS A CHRISTIAN, THIS PROGRAM IS GOING TO BE HARD FOR YOU." - NATHAN, WP STUDENT

The Bible, reason, church tradition and experience are key components to our academic curriculum. Through challenging courses, professional internships, and service-learning opportunities; students discover and apply the principles of these components to their calling. Students who choose a Christian Ministries major will explore:

- Old and New Testaments
- Church History and Theological Movements
- Social Concerns
- God's Calling
- Human Development
- Cross-Cultural Ministry
- Urban Ministry

Students may also choose to minor in the following areas of study:

- Biblical Studies (through which you may study Greek and Hebrew if you so choose)
- Missions Work
- Religion and Social Ethics
- Youth Ministry

Recent innovations to our program produce graduates who are well prepared academically, equipped and skilled in the tools of ministry, experienced in various forms of ministry, and well on their way to being the hands and feet of Christ in the multicultural, and increasingly urban, contexts of our world.

If you're considering music and worship arts ministry majors, we invite you to explore our music program. With help from your academic advisor, you may choose to create a 'hybrid' major to best fit your unique calling.

### A SERVANT'S HEART

"THE PROGRAM HAS EQUIPPED ME TO HAVE A SERVANT ATTITUDE RATHER THAN A 'ME FOCUSED' ATTITUDE." - KRYSTAL, WP STUDENT

A church is not a building. At Warner Pacific, your church is the city of Portland, and its people are your congregation. From serving homeless men and women through our Hot Chocolate Ministry, to meeting the needs of the community through our Common Day of Service, as a student at Warner Pacific, you will be an active part of God's work in the city. In your second year, you'll experience four alternative ministry opportunities:

Through interning with **HomePDX**, a non-traditional church that provides leadership and shepherding to friends without homes, students gain an understanding of needs in an urban, non-profit ministry.

By volunteering with **Second Stories**, a faith-based, non-profit community development corporation focused on neighborhood transformation, students gain valuable community development experience.

The **Evergreen Community**, a Portland metropolitan church community meeting in various locations around the city, offers students a glimpse into how a missionally minded church is done in the context of community.

Finally, through **Young Life**, a not-forprofit organization that helps bring the good news of Jesus Christ into the lives of adolescents, students experience the dynamics of a parachurch organization.

### **A SERVANT'S WORK**

"DON'T HOLD BACK! GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY AND ACTUALLY DO THE MINISTRY. HAVE THE COURAGE TO STEP OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE. THIS IS MINISTRY, BE ACTIVE IN IT. DON'T BE A BYSTANDER." - RACHEL, WP STUDENT

Through rigorous coursework, close relationships with professors, and abundant service learning and internship opportunities; Christian Ministries majors are equipped to successfully share God's word with others. Our students have pursued advanced degrees at Asbury Theological Seminary, Fuller Seminary, Pepperdine University, Princeton Theological Seminary, and the University of Chicago. They have embarked on successful careers around the world as youth pastors, ministers, missionaries, church planters, parachurch organization executives and college professors, and with employers like the Peace Corps, Salvation Army and Portland Rescue Mission.

### YOUR NEXT ACTION STEPS

- Speak with someone at Warner Pacific by contacting the admissions office at 503.517.1020 or 800.804.1510.
- Visit our website: warnerpacific.edu.
  While online, read more about the Religion and Christian Ministries Department, get to know our faculty, and study up on the major requirements and program descriptions in the Course Catalog.
- Plan a campus visit. Nothing beats seeing WPC for yourself! You'll have the chance to meet students and faculty who share your interests in Christian Ministries.
- Apply for admission online: warnerpacific.edu/applynow

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