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PROFESSIONAL  
PROGRAMS**  
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Concordia University Chicago

# Answering the call to serve

Since 1864, Concordia University Chicago has prepared students like you for church professions serving The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations, schools and ministries, nationwide and abroad. Our legacy continues as we nurture students who are training to become Lutheran school teachers, deaconesses, directors of Christian education, directors of parish music and for pre-seminary studies.



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In my education classes, I enjoy learning how students learn, as well as learning how to teach. CUC professors are experienced teachers and model for us how to teach—we're able to watch and then practice it on our own. I also love the diversity at CUC, hearing about the different cultures and backgrounds of my classmates. When I'm a teacher, my students will come from different types of lives, so I feel my CUC experience will help me in making the best Christian classroom environment for all of my students.

—Allison Schult, secondary education-English/language arts (LTE) major, from Redwood City, California

## Lutheran teacher education

Concordia University Chicago's Lutheran teacher education (LTE) program is for those who intend to teach in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod schools. This program will equip you with the education and licensure necessary to become a teacher in Lutheran schools. The LTE program is combined with your choice of programs in the College of Education: early childhood, elementary, middle grades, secondary, special education, K-12 art, K-12 music,

K-12 physical education or K-12 Spanish. CUC education programs are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). All of our education programs exceed the requirements of the State of Illinois and meet rigorous national accreditation standards. Being nationally accredited means that you will be qualified to serve in any of the more than 2,200 Lutheran schools in the U.S.



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The pre-seminary program is wonderful because I'm with a great group of guys who encourage me and are passionate about the same things as I am. There is plenty of good fellowship, and the diverse backgrounds of everyone in the program help me see different perspectives. The community and the experience CUC provides me go beyond the tangible. It impacts my faith and gives me the opportunity to learn from others.

—Andrew Thompson, Christian ministry major (pre-seminary program), psychology, biblical languages & Spanish minors, from Newhall, Iowa

## pre-seminary

Pastors have a wide range of responsibilities within the Church. They not only lead worship, but also assist with education, evangelism, counseling, social ministry and the day-to-day administration of both congregations and other charitable institutions. Concordia-Chicago's pre-seminary

program guides students in the process of discernment, while also preparing them for further studies. Upon receiving your degree, you will be recognized as having completed a program of study that competently prepares you to attend the seminary of your choice.



“CUC is the only university that offers a full deaconess program at the undergraduate level. It's a small program, so we can really connect and learn from each other. And if we're struggling with something, the theology professors are there to listen and help us. Our professors give us opportunities and are always inspiring us to do new things, such as my being asked to serve as a peer mentor for new freshmen. I am so grateful for the opportunities here.

—Michelle Hennig, theology major (deaconess program), psychology and education minors, from Springfield, Illinois



## deaconess

A deaconess shares the Gospel through mercy, spiritual care and teaching the Faith. Students in CUC's deaconess program become fully certified in the LCMS after four years of college plus a one-year paid internship. Learn from veteran theology professors and deaconesses who have prepared over 200 deaconesses. You may even study in England! Through

rigorous coursework and field experience, our program prepares you for compassionate service in congregations, agencies or mission fields. Take advantage of the university setting and our faculty's real-world experience to develop diaconal skills in caregiving, social work, music, Spanish, biblical languages or not-for-profit business.

“Having been fortunate enough to work at a local church while taking classes, I've been able to not only hear and read the information presented in each course, but I could apply it directly to my job. Each required course in the DPM program is beneficial to my growth as a church musician—but that's only the beginning. Being a member of ensembles, taking private lessons and playing music for student-led Prayer and Praise have also helped shape me as a diverse musician.

—Peter Wykert, music major (director of parish music certificate program), from Lyons, Illinois



## director of parish music

A director of parish music (DPM) serves as a leader of music in a local congregation. DPMs lead by playing the organ or piano, directing a variety of choral and instrumental groups, and helping to plan worship services with the pastor.

The DPM program at CUC is a certificate program which is based on the liberal arts music major and includes specialized coursework in church music and performance and an internship in a local congregation.



“CUC is one of the few schools to offer a dual certification DCE program, which was a major factor in my decision to enroll here. I like that we are a family—we encourage and pray for each other. We get a lot of hands-on experience, and because of that we learn to work alongside one another, rely on each other, network and grow closer. And having a smaller student-to-professor ratio allows me to ask more questions and work closely with my professors.

—Carinna Corbett, DCE with elementary education licensure (LTE) major (dual certification), theology minor, from Genoa, Illinois

## director of Christian education

A director of Christian education (DCE) serves within a congregation as part of a ministry team with pastors and other staff members. Depending on your unique talents and interests, you might work in the areas of parish education, children's ministry, youth ministry, small group ministry,

young adult ministry, family ministry or in the music ministry of a congregation. CUC's DCE program takes advantage of Chicago's rich learning environment by providing students with abundant local opportunities to develop practical skills through field experience and servant events.

# Making a positive difference

Church professional students share their Christian faith and make a positive difference in the lives of people of all ages and backgrounds, in a variety of urban, suburban and rural settings. High-quality academic instruction at CUC and an array of internship and service possibilities in the Chicago area equip students with the tools they need to be effective in their future ministries. You will become part of a community committed to the intellectual and spiritual growth of each member.

## Scholarships and Awards

**The CUC Guarantee:** Every eligible Lutheran student or graduate of a Lutheran high school is guaranteed CUC's top Pillars Scholarship of up to \$20,000 per year.

Students will be considered for additional institutional scholarships and awards, which may include:

- Church Professional Grant
- Lutheran High School Award
- Lutheran Servant Award
- Music Scholarship

## Career Placement

Successful graduates of the LTE, DCE, DPM and deaconess professional programs are eligible for a call as commissioned ministers in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The University's director of synodical placement works with you to match your skills and ministry goals with the needs of various ministries in the Church. Successful pre-seminary graduates are fully equipped and recommended for entrance into one of the seminaries of the LCMS.

## See for yourself!

To schedule your visit to Concordia University Chicago, register online at [CUChicago.edu/visit](http://CUChicago.edu/visit) or call the Office of Undergraduate Admission at **877-CUChicago (877-282-4422)**.

## Facts About CUC

**History:** Concordia University Chicago was founded in 1864 as a college for teachers and today is a comprehensive university comprised of the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Graduate Studies and the College of Innovation and Professional Programs. CUC offers more than 100 areas of undergraduate, graduate and doctoral study in small classes taught by professors who are passionate about teaching and student success.

**Location/Campus:** 40 tree-lined acres, 10 miles west of downtown Chicago, in beautiful, upscale, suburban River Forest, Illinois.

**Mission:** Concordia University Chicago is a distinctive, comprehensive university of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and based in the liberal arts. The University equips men and women to serve and lead with integrity, creativity, competence and compassion in a diverse, interconnected and increasingly urbanized church and world.

**Financial Assistance:** 100 percent of full-time traditional undergraduate students receive some type of financial assistance based on need, merit, background and/or academic program.

**Student-to-Faculty Ratio:** 15:1

**Average Class Size:** 15

**Students:** Of the more than 5,000 students who choose CUC each year, approximately 1,500 are undergraduate students from a variety of states and countries. The majority of undergraduate students are from Illinois, with other Midwestern states like Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Missouri heavily represented. Some students come from as far away as Florida, California and Texas. The student community includes both commuters and residential students who live in one of eight on-campus residence halls (with the newest hall opening Fall 2017).

**Athletics:** 16 intercollegiate teams competing in NCAA Division III; countless intramural opportunities.

**Clubs & Organizations:** More than 45 student organizations and clubs, including religious, academic, athletic, service and others.

**Facilities:** Highlights include the Christopher Center for Learning and Leadership, which houses the Early Childhood Education Center; five computer labs; Fitness and Wellness Center; Klinck Memorial Library; and Ferguson Art Gallery.

### Accreditations:

- Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
- National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)



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