



# YOUTH WORK

CORE OBJECTIVES & PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

## I. SPIRITUAL & CHARACTER FORMATION

**EDUCATIONAL GOAL:** *To foster students' spiritual and character formation and their commitment to God's holistic mission for the world.*

### Core Objectives

1. Demonstrate growth in Christian discipleship and transformation towards holistic Christian character (i.e., joy, compassion, honesty, integrity, work ethic, purity, trustworthiness).
2. Demonstrate healthy relational skills as an expression of one's commitment to Christian discipleship.
3. Demonstrate commitment to God's holistic (spiritual, social environmental) mission of reconciliation and restoration for all creation.
4. Demonstrate commitment to active participation in the church and its mission.

### Youth Work Objectives

1. Express a personal sense of call to youth ministry and passion for it.
2. Demonstrate the character, goal accomplishment disciplines, and accountability necessary for a ministry staff position

## II. CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW & INTELLECTUAL FORMATION

**EDUCATIONAL GOAL:** *To provide students a foundational knowledge base, and the abilities to think critically and to interact respectfully with the views of others.*

### Core Objectives

1. Demonstrate foundational knowledge of the Bible and the ability to understand the scriptural message.
2. Demonstrate the ability to appropriately utilize hermeneutical principles to interpret and apply the Bible.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of biblical theology in relation to the formation of a Christian worldview.
4. Demonstrate familiarity with evangelical Anabaptism and its contributions to the larger Christian church, historically, theologically, and ethically
5. Demonstrate increasing ability in critical thinking
6. Demonstrate familiarity with a breadth of subject material in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Science

### Youth Work Objectives

1. Understanding of the effect of life stages on vocational youth ministry.
2. Knowledge and application of Adolescent developmental stages.
3. Knowledge of typical adolescent life issues and ability to provide ministry inputs and responses to them

## III. PREPARATION FOR SERVICE AND MINISTRY IN CHURCH AND WORLD

**EDUCATIONAL GOAL:** *To prepare students for effective service and ministry in the church and in the world particularly in the areas of their chosen field of study.*

### Core Objectives

1. Demonstrate effective and sacrificial service in both team member and team leader ministry roles.
2. Demonstrate an ability to facilitate Christian discipleship and growth in others.
3. Demonstrate healthy interpersonal skills essential for ministry/leadership.
4. Demonstrate increasingly effective communication.
5. Demonstrate application of biblical and self understanding to their personal and career direction.
6. Demonstrate basic levels of competence in an applied ministry setting

### Youth Work Objectives

1. Relational expertise to build relationships with youth participants, parents, colleagues, and volunteers.
2. Demonstrate knowledge and skills related to team membership and leadership.
3. Development and articulation of a Philosophy of Relational Youth Ministry.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the gospel and the passion and skills to communicate it to youth.