

Program Description

Columbia's **Diploma in Youth Work** prepares students in character, understanding, and skill, for Christian ministry work among emerging generations. This program is for students who are interested in volunteer and entry level positions in church or parachurch ministry settings or for those who want a deepening sense of Christian discipleship within North American youth culture. For students who are exploring pastoral gifts, the Youth Work diploma is designed to ladder into the Church Ministry degree as a concentration, which is the best path for those who want to work in church ministry full time as youth pastors.

Program Objectives

1. Students will articulate a biblical and theological approach to Christian ministry with emerging generations.
2. Students will develop a Christian understanding of pluralistic North American culture.
3. Students will be oriented toward pastoral competency with young people, families, and broader congregations.
4. Students will be trained in the practical skills of ministry program development and administration.