

Youth Ministry & Christian Formation

B.A. | Bachelor of Arts in Youth Ministry & Christian Formation
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Ministry preparation

You'll be equipped to disciple children, youth and families in their faith journeys—or to pursue ministry at a nonprofit, church or mission organization. Our curriculum is both academic and hands-on, providing biblical and theological tools that help students recognize God's work in the world. An internship with an area church or nonprofit will empower you to participate in that work before you graduate—and many students actively serve with a congregation all four years of college.

Lead + serve

If you are passionate about serving others and sharing the Gospel, get involved with campus ministry opportunities like:

- ✓ Planning chapel services and leading music
- ✓ Advocating for social causes through the Justice + Service team
- ✓ Short-term missions in the U.S. and overseas
- ✓ Leading weekly Bible studies through dorm discipleship groups



Real-world experience

Youth ministry majors spend at least two semesters serving in a church or ministry setting.



Ideas in action

Combine youth ministry with an entrepreneurship minor to develop your leadership skills and nurture creativity.



Heart for service

Engage in national and global service through our internships.

Outcomes

Our youth ministry and Christian formation graduates are serving as mentors and leaders to children, youth and families in church, nonprofit and ministry settings across the country. They are planting churches, building relationships with at-risk teens, and planning worship services.

Join our standout youth ministry and Christian formation alumni at employers and graduate schools such as:

- Baylor University, Waco, TX
- BLVD Church, Holland, MI
- Central Presbyterian Church, Des Moines, IA
- Christ the King Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN
- Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI

Youth Ministry & Christian Formation

Northwestern's youth ministry and Christian formation major prepares students for **excellence** in church leadership; children's, family and youth ministries; nonprofit work; and parachurch ministries. Our curriculum **thoughtfully engages** questions about the Bible, theology and social sciences—**equipping you** with resources to inspire and mentor the next generation of believers.

Major requirements:

- » 2 semesters of Field Experience in a Ministry Setting
- » Bible, Theology and Vocation

Biblical & theological studies core:

- » Biblical Interpretation
- » Mission and Justice
- » Spiritual Formation
- » Topics in Old Testament **OR** New Testament Studies
- » Topics in Theology

Youth ministry & Christian formation core:

- » Developmental Psychology (childhood, adolescence **OR** adulthood)
- » Philosophy of Youth Ministry
- » Teaching and Leadership
- » Theology and Church Ministry
- » Theology of Popular Culture

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