

Ministry Residency Program at Denver Seminary

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: Youth Ministry Resident (Chinese Student/Scholar Outreach)

LOCATION: Hillcrest Christian Church (Christian Reformed Church in North America)

ABOUT: www.hillcrestdenver.org

Hillcrest is a multicultural family brought together by Jesus Christ, which exists to share the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ with the world. Our church is the result of the merger of Hillcrest Christian Reformed Church (est. 1962) and the Chinese Christian Assembly in Denver (est. 2005). Since 2012, we have been learning how to worship, serve, and grow together as a multicultural family. Through our common life together we pray that our community would see the reconciling work of Jesus Christ. Our vision is “One Family of Disciples, Reaching Out with Grace, Building Up in Love.”

Hillcrest is located within two miles of the University of Denver, which is home to over 1,300 international students, a great many of them Chinese. God has brought the world to our doorstep, and we are seeking a resident to partner with us in sharing the Good News, discipling, and loving these students. Given the demographics of our congregation, our emphasis has been on both Chinese students and visiting scholars.

TUITION CONSIDERATION: \$4,000 per semester
 10% tuition discount
 Taxable Living Stipend: No

ESTIMATED TIME COMMITMENT: 12–15 hrs a week

- 6 hours: developing personal and group relationships with youth, leading Bible study, discipleship, etc.
- 3 hours: help organize, lead, and participate in Friday night youth gathering
- 3 hours: participating in Sunday worship services and Sunday youth gathering
- 2 hours: participate in Youth Ministry team meetings, communicate with parents, and planning

POSITION SUMMARY: The Youth Ministry Resident's primary responsibility will be facilitating youth gatherings on Friday nights and Sunday mornings. This individual will work closely with the Youth Ministry team.

In addition, the resident will disciple and build relationships with students, regularly communicate with both students and their parents, and work with the Youth Ministry Team to coordinate youth group activities, recruit volunteers, and plan curriculum.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A commitment to Jesus Christ and desire to grow as His disciple
- A love for Christ's Church
- A love for people and ability to relate with all age groups and cultures
- Ability to affirm CRCNA essentials
(<https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs>)
- A hunger to grow in Christ-like character and ministry skill
- A desire to become a compelling witness of the Kingdom of God
- Some ministry leadership experience
- The ability to speak Mandarin is not required, but would be a major benefit!
- Willingness to work under the direction of Hillcrest Church Council

PURPOSE: Our desire is that through this internship opportunity the ministry resident would grow in their love for Jesus Christ and develop as future leaders of His Church. In order to do that, Hillcrest will provide opportunities both in areas of spiritual and ministry development.

Spiritual Development: connection with a mentor, creating a rule of life, and understanding rhythms of life in ministry. We will work together to craft a plan that will benefit you, depending on where you find yourself in your walk with Christ.

Ministry Development: learning to minister within a multicultural context, leadership, and teaching.

TO APPLY:

Send resume to Pastor Eric Snyder ericpsnyder@gmail.com.

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DEFINITION OF THE MINISTRY RESIDENCY PROGRAM:

By Definition the Residency Program is an Internship and contains the following:

1. *Similar ministry training as that available in and through schooling for future clergy;*
2. *This training is for the benefit of the trainee;*
3. *Resident is not a replacement for a regular employee, but works under close observation;*
4. *This program is considered to be of greater value to the trainee than to the employer;*
5. *Trainees are not necessarily entitled to a job at the completion of the program;*
6. *Employer and trainee understand that trainees are not entitled to wages for the time spent in training.*