

Seventh-day Adventist Higher Education in North America

Our Mission

In keeping with the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Adventist colleges and universities aim to educate students wholistically for productive Christian life in church and society. The truth of God as set forth in Scripture and defined in the person of Jesus Christ informs the life and teaching of each institution.

Our Method

The following elements facilitate the redemptive work of Adventist Higher Education:

Faculty and Staff: The church's colleges and universities seek employees dedicated to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and committed to the church's distinctive mission. Whether in academic, professional or other roles, they will, in their scholarship and interaction with students and the wider church, be role models of competence and care.

Christian Community: Our campuses honor the dignity and worth of every person and, in the effort to integrate faith and learning, offer each an invitation to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and unite with His church.

Service: Adventist education values active generosity. Members of each campus community are invited to embrace the work of the Master in service, with the Church, to humankind.

Spiritual Growth: Adventist educators stress the importance of religious and moral development. With due respect for their freedom as individuals, students are encouraged to embrace Christian principles and values as they mature into responsible citizens and committed church members.

Pursuit of Truth: Teachers acknowledge Scripture as the highest written authority for truth while also recognizing "great teachers" whose utterances, as Ellen White declared, "have stimulated thought and opened to view vast fields of knowledge."* They value rigor and excellence in study and plan curricula to enhance not only skills but also understanding.

Access and Affordability: Adventist educators recognize that the church's future depends substantially on Christian higher education. With the support of the Church in North America, the Church's colleges and universities intend to make Adventist education accessible and affordable to qualified applicants. ✍

*Ellen G. White, *Education* (Mountain View, Calif.: Pacific Press Publishing Assn., 1903), p. 30.

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