

University Chaplain – Job Description

ABOUT SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1891, Seattle Pacific University has a long and distinguished history in Christian higher education. Its comprehensive academic program serves more than 4,100 undergraduate and graduate students. Located just minutes from downtown Seattle, SPU is a Christian university fully committed to engaging the culture and changing the world by graduating people of competence and character, becoming people of wisdom, and modeling grace-filled community. Seattle Pacific University seeks applicants who are committed to its Christian mission and to the spiritual formation of its students. Qualified applicants should exhibit a deep awareness, understanding, and ability to articulate a commitment to biblical diversity and reconciliation. Women and people of color are particularly encouraged to apply.

OBJECTIVES OF CAMPUS MINISTRY AT SPU

- *Serve* as a witness to the transforming and reconciling gospel of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the campus community of Seattle Pacific University as it seeks to participate in the Kingdom of God.
- *Promote* students' faith development by their engagement in Christian worship, discipleship, and service, with the aim of loving God with their hearts, strength, soul, and mind, and their neighbors as themselves.
- *Empower* students for a lifetime of participation in the church, including their call to corporate ministry and reconciliation.
- *Foster* the theological identity of the SPU community, both in resourcing co-curricular activities and encouraging a holistic faith within the academic life of the university.

POSITION

Seattle Pacific University invites applications for the position of University Chaplain, with a starting date between July 1, 2014 and September 1, 2014. The University Chaplain will be viewed as the key person to lead, facilitate, and champion the Christian spiritual formation of the student community by directing the Office of Christian Community and Ministry. S/he will report directly to the Provost and will sit on Deans' Cabinet and the Student Life, Athletics, and Ministry group.

ATTRIBUTES

- Vibrant, personal, growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- Christ-like humility and teachable spirit
- Willingness to partner and collaborate
- Desire to model grace-filled community
- Desire to model servant leadership
- Love for students and willingness to connect with them relationally

RESPONSIBILITIES

Leadership and Administration

- Serve as director of the Office of Christian Community and Ministry (OCCM)
- Oversee (in partnership with the School of Theology) the spiritual well-being of the university student community
- Foster the development of co-curricular programming that will assist students in the integration of Christian faith with their respective academic disciplines

- Co-chair the Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC)
- Partner with the School of Theology, Center for Biblical and Theological Education, The Perkins Center, and Center for Scholarship and Faculty Development
- Serve as a primary preacher in Chapel
- Provide strategic guidance on issues related to spiritual formation and personal development of the student body
- Oversee the OCCM budget

Oversee OCCM Ministries, which will:

- Provide worship, discipleship, and service opportunities for all students
- Offer leadership and peer mentoring opportunities for upperclassmen
- Inform and train faculty and other staff on college student faith development and encourage participation in that development
- Nurture a multicultural perspective and help students develop a deep inclination and aptitude for the work of reconciliation
- Assist students in finding and entering into church communities for regular worship
- Forge and maintain intentional partnerships with area congregations

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's degree in Theology; preferably an advanced theological degree (D.Min. or Ph.D.)
- Ordained minister of Word and Sacrament
- Extensive experience in college ministry
- Exceptional public presence (including, but not limited to, preaching)
- Demonstrated commitment to the work of Christian reconciliation
- Demonstrated capacity and character for effective pastoral ministry
- Will affirm all aspects of the SPU Faith Statement and Signature Commitments
- Comfortable working within and promoting a Wesleyan/Holiness theological perspective

COMPENSATION

Compensation is commensurate with education and experience. Benefits include health, dental, vision, disability and life insurance, tuition discount, and retirement programs. A moving allowance may also be provided.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be accepted through April 30. The online application includes an official SPU application form and other supporting documents. In addition, candidates should submit a written response to the following prompt: "What is your vision for Campus Ministries at a university like Seattle Pacific University?" and a detailed faith statement that reflects on and responds to the four-fold SPU Statement of Faith and includes a description of the applicant's faith journey.

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