

Graduate Assistantship Position Description
Focus: Residence Life Ministry in Marycrest
Rounding: First Year Retreats and Liturgy

With a focus in Residence Life Ministry in Marycrest Hall, this Graduate Assistant collaborates with their supervisory campus minister and with student leaders to integrate faith with campus social and academic life. The GA partners to establish active religious presence in Marycrest, encourage faith development and religious practice in the lives of students, develop Catholic and Christian educational opportunities, support ecumenical and interfaith endeavors, foster development of and participation in campus communities of faith and service experiences. Rounding out the residence life ministry experience in Marycrest, this GA will gain experiences in retreat ministry and liturgy under the mentorship of a campus ministers who are experienced in these ministries.

I. Ministry Role, Responsibilities, and Relationships

A. Focus Ministry Responsibilities (approx. 65%)

- Facilitate a weekly small faith sharing or Bible study group for Marycrest students
- Work with supervisor to form, guide, and animate the L1:38 Marycrest leadership team for ministry and outreach in the Marycrest
- Collaborate with supervisor to generate enthusiasm for weekly Marycrest Mass and to support the coordination of this Mass and accompanying hospitality and fellowship
- Be available as a spiritual and pastoral resource to Marycrest students by responding to pastoral care needs, facilitating Faith and Life chats, cultivating relationships with students and meeting with them 1:1 to support their spiritual growth (Scheduling office hours is an important aspect of this)
- Work with supervisor to ensure regular campus ministry presence at Marycrest RA meetings for the purpose of supporting the spiritual needs of staff and fostering working relationships with Marycrest housing staff to support ministerial programmatic outreach and facilitate responsive pastoral care in Marycrest.
- Work with supervisor to lead Setting the Marianist Table sessions for Marycrest residents (generally over the course of 2-3 weeks in the fall)

B. Rounding Ministry Responsibilities (approx. 25%)

- Work with a rounding mentor to recruit, form/train, and lead a first year retreat team in facilitating the first year retreats each semester

- Work with a rounding mentor to write prayers of the faithful for Sunday liturgies

C. Additional Valuable Opportunity to Broaden Ministerial Experience

- Lead a breakout or immersion
 - This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable campus ministry experience in leading experiential learning opportunities about Catholic Social Teaching and leading an extended ministry experience with students.
 - This is an important way that a GA can contribute to a vital aspect of our shared mission and to broaden their ministerial experience. To inquire about this additional opportunity contact Mary Niebler.

D. Relationship with Supervisor

- Meet weekly with individual supervisor to discuss progress on ministerial development and goals including challenges, successes, values, and feelings centered around reflection on ministry experiences, ministerial application of academic work, and development of ministerial skills (weekly meetings are typically an hour in length)
- Engage in a collaborative style of ministry receiving and giving feedback and sharing ideas with one another
- Participate in a mid-year and end of year self-assessment, appraisal, and goal setting process

E. Relationship with Rounding Mentor

- Meet regularly with mentor during the period of active ministry in the rounding area to discuss progress, challenges, successes, and lessons learned in this aspect of ministry (regularity can be determined by the pair, suggested 30 min weekly or bi-weekly depending on the ministry)
- Engage in a collaborative style of ministry receiving and giving feedback and sharing ideas with one another

F. Participation with larger Campus Ministry Department (approx. 10%)

- Be an active member of the UD Campus Ministry Team through participation in Campus Ministry Team meetings and other events
- Participate in Residence Life Ministry team meetings
- Participate in a Campus Ministry sub-committee (beginning in January of first year)
- Share information on campus-wide Campus Ministry activities to ministry area
- Assist with campus-wide liturgies and other Campus Ministry events

G. Graduate Assistant Program Activities

- Participate in the August orientation for GAs.
- Participate in regular GA Pastoral and Spiritual Formation experiences (several times a month)
- Attend August and January GA retreats.

II. Commitment to academic excellence

- Maintain a 3.0 Academic Grade point average and 6 credit hours per semester (including summer sessions).
- Maintain a relationship with an Academic Advisor.
- Be responsible and on time with studies and assignments.
- Participate in activities of Religious Studies Program.