

The Center for Contextual Leadership at Concordia College New York

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C4CL Program Description, Requirements and Progress

Program Formation:

The Center for Contextual Leadership (C4CL) was developed in consultation and conversation with East Coast Association of Congregations (ECAC) with Bishops who represent congregations and schools that are primarily geographically located from Maine to Florida and some throughout other regions of the United States. The problem that the Bishops are attempting to address is the lack of qualified workers for district ministries. There is a need for creative, courageous, innovative and entrepreneurial leaders in the church. The C4CL exists to help the Bishops, Pastors and the church resolve that problem by providing a pool of well qualified church work professional leaders and witness those, word and service ministers, who can serve and lead in congregations and other non-parish-based outposts and ministries.

The Bishops and Pastors who nominate candidates commit to put students who graduate from the C4CL to work in one of their schools or congregations to help and lead in ministry, offer support or even start a new ministry. This means that students of the C4CL will have a high probability of employment upon graduation.

Program Rationale

The Center for Contextual Leadership (C4CL) is a strategy to train leaders to serve diverse ministries in a variety of contexts. Servants can include pastors, teachers, youth workers, educators, musicians and ministry to seniors, just to name a few. Leaders in the world today must be able to assess a variety of different contexts and be flexible to adjust to cultural change. These leaders must understand group dynamics, business, finances and be entrepreneurial. They must be prepared to be creative and to serve in whatever way will build capacity, develop ministry and promote the proclamation of Jesus as Lord.

It is important to note that the C4CL strives to enroll both men and women who desire to be of service and pursue this degree path. Also, please know that Concordia New York is a Christian community of learning where mutual respect flourishes, responsibility is developed and respect for God is cultivated so that students can pursue lives of passion, purpose and service. Although we are

unashamedly Christian Lutheran we welcome other denominations and faith traditions who desire and need well trained leaders for ministry.

We also understand and appreciate that ministries and organizations represented by the international community are in need of leaders as well. Consequently, we encourage representatives who desire these services to apply for admission. The impact that we can have throughout the world and the Kingdom of God can be extensive as we train and equip leaders for service to the world. Concordia New York is proud to be a 'Small School' that makes a big, even global, impact.

Program Description:

The Center for Contextual Leadership (C4CL) is an accelerated program to process students, 18-21 years of age, through a Bachelor's degree and Leadership Masters in five (5) years.

The core curriculum for this five-year, Judeo-Christian Major, will conclude with the student receiving a:

- Bachelor of Arts in Theology Degree
- Concentration in Spanish or another language
- Master of Science in Leadership Degree

Program Requirements

Those coming into the C4CL will have to be dedicated Christian servants who desire to be or are currently involved as leaders in ministry. Some who are invited to participate will be Concordia students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship and will benefit from additional exposure to theological exploration, mentorship and guidance. These students will be admitted at the discretion of the President or Executive Vice President of Concordia College with concurrence from the C4CL Program Director.

Program requirements are as follows:

1. Must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA through undergrad classes and while enrolled in the C4CL.
2. Must submit a written statement of faith, Christian witness and personal testimony.
3. Must currently be an active member of a church and have their minister sign a declaration to that effect.
4. Must concur with the Vision, Values and Commitment statement.
5. Must fill out a Declaration of Intent to serve in the church of their choice for at least 5 years upon graduation.
6. Must represent Concordia New York before their congregation to solicit support as they have opportunity.

7. Must faithfully participate in field work assignments.
8. Must meet at least monthly with their mentor, the Director of the C4CL, and their cohort to discuss progress and process any concerns.

Other C4CL Distinctives

An exciting element of the leadership major is that each program will have independent study with professionals who are in Concordia New York executive administration, faculty and staff who will share their gifts, talents and proficiencies. These resources will include entrepreneurship, human resource, non-profit management, development strategies, donor cultivation and other important disciplines that will be offered as the needs become apparent. This mentoring element is unique to the C4CL program.

Costs and Financial Assistance

For the 2018-2019 academic year, tuition and other fees are as follows:

Tuition: \$33,500

*Students who meet the above requirements/ agreements may receive partial or full-tuition scholarships depending on the type of program they are enrolled under the C4CL. Note: Tuition is not inclusive of room and board.

Room and Board: \$13,470. for on-campus residential students; \$1,136 for commuting students.

Additional fees: \$1450. dollars for on-campus residential students; \$900 dollars for commuting students.

Indirect costs (medical insurance, books, travel) are additional, and are borne by the students.

Complete information on Concordia's current tuition and fees can be found at <https://www.concordia-ny.edu/admission/undergraduate-admission/tuition>.

About Concordia College

Located in Bronxville, NY (Westchester County), Concordia is a Lutheran college, although students of all faith backgrounds or no faith background are welcomed, and the student community is increasingly diverse – representing 32 countries, 31 states, and an array of cultural and religious backgrounds. Current student enrollment is approximately 1500 students. With a 12:1 faculty to student ratio and an average class size of 16, personal attention is not only possible but prized at Concordia. More information about Concordia College is available at www.concordia-ny.edu.

