

## Ministry Residency Program at Denver Seminary

**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** Middle School Youth

**LOCATION:** Rockland Community Church

**ABOUT:** Rockland Community Church, in partnership with Denver Seminary, offers a church leadership residency program that blends excellence in biblical and theological studies with practical leadership experience in a church ministry setting. This internship program will provide the opportunity to match practical experience with seminary classroom learning.

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

The Middle School Youth Ministry Resident is responsible for working as part of the Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) Youth Ministry Team.

The Middle School Youth Ministry Resident should be a maturing Christian who demonstrates a love for the Lord, a passion for middle school youth, and portrays a servant attitude, and a passion for Christ and teaching and leading people to follow him. Communication skills, organization skills, great technology skills and a creative imagination are important. This person must be comfortable building relationships with middle school youth, their parents, and families, as well as with others within our congregation. This person also needs to work effectively as a member of a team and be able to take ministerial direction. Worship leading experience is a plus!

**TUITION CONSIDERATION:** Up to \$10,000 toward annual tuition  
10% tuition discount  
Taxable Living Stipend: \$700 per month  
\$750 Annual Textbook allowance

**ESTIMATED TIME COMMITMENT:** 20-24 hours per week

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. **Ignite:** Develop, promote, plan, prepare and lead our weekly Middle School Youth Group, incorporating small groups and volunteers.
2. **Contact work/Youth Pastoral Care:** Develop and strengthen relationships with Middle School Youth, including regular one-on-one meetings.
3. **Middle School Worship/Sunday School:** Plan prepare and lead Sunday morning worship/Sunday school for the middle school youth
4. **Middle School Mission Trip:** Assist the Youth Director in the planning, preparation, coordination and leading of this yearly summer event.
5. **Middle School Ministry Projects** Generate enthusiasm for middle school participation in Retreats, Youth Sunday and VBS leadership. Provide leadership as required for these events.
6. **Plan, prepare and lead monthly Special Activities, and Outreach Events:** (such as Water world, Laser Tag, Cosmic Bowling, Outreach Projects etc.).
7. **Middle School Youth Calendar of Events:** Jointly create with the Youth Director.
8. **Retreats:** Participate in planning and leading middle school and confirmation retreat(s).
9. **Volunteer Development:** Recruit and develop volunteers to work with middle school youth.
10. **Attendance:** Enter all Middle School attendance on a weekly basis. Run roll call reports as needed, and update youth information in the data base

**11. Class Transitions:**

- a. In partnership with Youth Director, assist in the integration of 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth into the high school program each fall.
- b. In partnership with the Director of Children's Ministry, assist in the integration of 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth into the middle school program each fall.

**12. Communication Responsibilities:**

- a. Maintain current information the Middle School Web Page
- b. In partnership with the Youth Staff, develop communication for youth and families regarding events, worship services etc.

**13. Additional Ministry Responsibilities**

- a. Keep current with youth needs and trends (and provide educational opportunities for youth and their families in partnership with Youth Director.
- b. Keep current with technology trends and incorporate new technology into the youth programming
- c. Participate as a leader with VBS.
- d. Maintain regular office hours
- e. Attend various Pre-flight events (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students) throughout the year.
- f. Assist in teaching confirmation classes during the year as requested

**14. Attend:**

- a. RCC staff meetings
- b. Youth deacon meetings

**TO APPLY: Please send resume to:**

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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.*