

# WHAT PART COULD OUR CONGREGATION PLAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DCE INTERN?

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**A DCE Intern is a student preparing to become a capable servant of God. Congregations that do well with an intern have:**

- ✦ A dedication to educational ministries
- ✦ A desire to help raise up a future church worker
- ✦ A supportive church professional (Pastor or DCE) who is willing to mentor and supervise the DCE Intern
- ✦ Encouraging members
- ✦ Needs in the area of the Christian educational ministries of the church that will challenge the intern
- ✦ A desire to enhance the effectiveness of its own efforts in its educational ministries

## QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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## DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



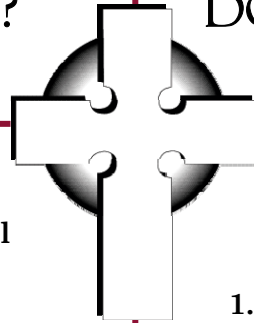
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## HOW CAN A DCE INTERN SERVE AT OUR CHURCH?

## HOW DO WE APPLY FOR A DCE INTERN?

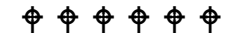


**A DCE is a lifespan educational leader for a congregation. An intern may:**

- ✦ Teach adult and youth Bible studies
- ✦ Mentor youth and children
- ✦ Initiate family educational activities
- ✦ Recruit and equip volunteers for children's, youth, and/or family ministry
- ✦ Initiate educational programs that address the needs of the congregation
- ✦ Build and support the team ministry of the congregation
- ✦ Organize youth, adult, and/or family retreats and/or servant events
- ✦ Develop mission outreach opportunities to link the church with their community

1. **Identify** needs within your congregation and develop a job description outlining ministry areas in which the Intern may serve.
2. **Contact** the Director of Christian Ministries to obtain an internship application packet.
3. **Complete** the application and submit it with your \$150 application fee.
4. **Determine** the potential start date for your Intern – typically January or July.
5. **Arrange** with the Director a date for his site visit to your congregation.
6. **Pray** without ceasing!

## WHAT TRAINING DOES THE DCE INTERN HAVE BEFORE SERVING IN OUR CONGREGATION?



Your DCE Intern will have had a full load of coursework and have received his or her B.A. in Christian Education or Post-BA DCE Certification. Some courses include:

### Ministry

- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Adult Ministry
- Family Ministry
- Missions and Evangelism
- Care Ministry

### Theology

- Old Testament & Writings
- New Testament & Writings
- History of Christianity
- Lutheran Confessions

### Education

- Teaching the Faith
- Educational Psychology
- Confirmation Curriculum and Instruction

### Psychology

- Human Growth and Development
- Adolescent Psychology
- Adult Development
- Person-Centered Communication
- Group Process

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