

Lutheran Education Alliance with Parochial Schools LEAPs

Serving, Learning, Loving:

**Meeting the Needs of Children
In Under-Resourced Schools**

The LEAPs vision...

- **LEAPs is an alternative teaching licensure program designed to**
 - **benefit urban youth...**
 - **through teaching SERVICE...**
 - **provided in a faith-based context...**
 - **to under-privileged children in parochial schools.**

LEAPs allows you to explore...



- Teaching as a **VOCATION**;
- Who you are;
- how you can contribute to **God's kingdom**.

The LEAPs mission...



Provide talented people an opportunity to explore teaching as a lifelong vocation, while serving as apprentice teachers in parochial schools.

Provide under-resourced parochial schools in Northwest Indiana, and Chicago with well-qualified teachers.

Who participates in LEAPs?

- **Students who:**
 - **demonstrate a strong commitment to service;**
 - **wish to prepare for teaching at the elementary, middle or secondary level;**
 - **are willing to live in an intentional community;**
 - **are willing to explore the value of faith and its importance in the formation of youth identity.**

LEAPs

The Three Pillars

Spirituality

A retreat each Summer and Winter

Academics

Rigorous Summer Coursework
(2)

Two-year teaching internship

On-line learning each semester

Community

Intentional Community living
in simple accommodations

Requirements for Admission

- College graduate with baccalaureate degree in a subject area are encouraged to apply for admission;
- Completed Application;
- Minimum GPA of 3.0;

Requirements for Admission

- Two strong letters of support from faculty or advisers ;
- One strong letter of support from a spiritual advisor who can speak to your commitment to faith exploration ;

Requirements for Admission

- Personal essay that articulates your reasons for wanting to enter LEAPs - including goals that are consistent with community living and spiritual development ;
- Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate work ;

Requirements for Admission

- Non-refundable application fee;
- Pass PRAXIS I and Praxis II (in content area)
- Successful interview with LEAPs Admissions Committee.

Benefits

Included in your benefit is:

\$ Education

\$ Health Insurance

\$ Summer Housing/ Board

\$ Living Stipend

\$ Program Costs

**Financial Benefits that total up
to \$27,000 per year.**

**This includes a \$12, 500 stipend
from your employer.**

Expenses

Approximate Student Expenses

Rent: \$3,000

Security Deposit: \$250

Utilities: \$600

Books: \$900

Transportation: \$1,500

Personal Expenses: \$6,250

Typical Program Schedule

- Application Deadline
 - February 1
- Interviews
 - February 15 - 28
- Program Acceptance
 - March 15

Typical Program Schedule

- Placement Interviews
 - April through May
- Full Admission into Program
 - May 15

Typical Program Schedule

- Orientation/Move-in
 - April / Early June
- Summer Coursework
 - June through July
- Teaching internship & Online coursework
 - August through June

Multiple Roles



- Teacher
- Student



- Servant

The Teaching Role

Provide standards-based
Instruction



Serve as a Role Model for
Children and others

Communicate with parents
and colleagues to promote
student learning

Fulfill employment obligations

The Student Role



*Challenging
Graduate-Level
Coursework*



*Spirituality:
Fellowship,
Engagement, and
Growth*



*Community: Fun,
Friendship and Mutual Support*

The Servant Role



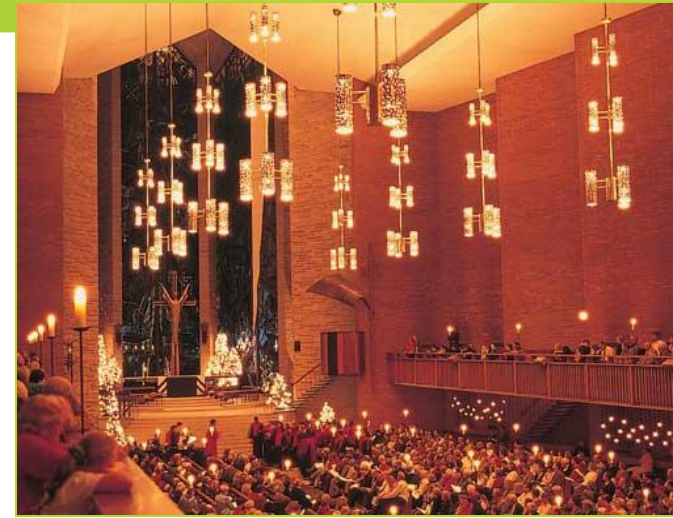
Ambassadors

- Simple Living
- Humility
- Worship





Support



Peers in Community provide assistance in faith development and support for teaching.

A licensed teacher mentor will be provided by the school.

University Supervisors are available when you need assistance.

What it takes to be successful

The **MATURITY** to handle

STRESS,

PERSEVERANCE to withstand

TRIALS,

and **HUMILITY** to provide on-going

SERVICE

to the children and communities you
serve as a LEAPs teacher.

The Rewards

State of Indiana Licensure



A Master's of Education degree from a highly respected and nationally acclaimed university.

The satisfaction of knowing you changed the life of at least one child

Are you up for the challenge?



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Thanks....

- Questions or comments?
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