

NPP Student FAQ's

Basics

1. What is the NPP?

NPP stands for Northwest Partnership Program. The NPP blends the best of what Northwest University does (Academics), with local churches or organization's ministry training programs (Internships) in the supportive relational environment of a local church or ministry.

2. Is the NPP Program accredited?

The degrees Northwest University offers through the NPP have the highest level of accreditation available—the same accreditation as other major colleges and universities. This means NPP students earn college credits that can be applied toward the completion of NU degrees as a traditional student at our Kirkland campus, in NU online programs, or transfer to other colleges or universities, all as part of a local internship program.

3. What degrees are offered through NPP?

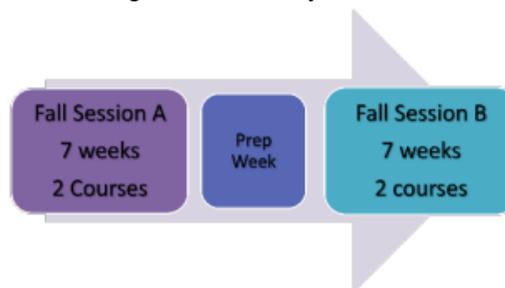
NPP students can earn the following degrees while serving in their local internship program; Associate of Arts, Associate of Ministry Leadership as well as Bachelor Degrees in Ministry Leadership, Psychology, Organizational Management, Business Management and Organizational Leadership. For more information on these degrees, see [this page](#).

4. What is the age range of students in the NPP?

The NPP has many types of students from age 18-70. We have married and unmarried students in our program. Although the NPP was designed for students fully participating in a local church internship program, the NPP can also serve students who are part of a staff development program, as well as students who are part-time.

5. At what pace will I be taking classes?

The NPP runs on a 15-week semester system, with each semester divided into two seven-week sessions (Session A/Session B). Full-time students take two 3-credit courses per session (four courses per semester) – plus an optional three internship credits – for a total of 15 credits per semester. The typical Associate's degree takes two years for a full-time student.



6. Are all of my classes online?

The NPP is an online program with an option of live instructors in some courses. All courses are offered online so any student may complete their degree by taking only online classes. If a course

has 10 or more students, there is an option of adding a live instructor as part of the online experience. Most students take all of their classes online.

7. How do I apply for the NPP?

You must fill out an internship application for your local NPP, then apply to NPP online at www.northwestu.edu/partnership/apply it is free and quick!

For more information on enrollment, see [this page](#).

8. Can I have a list of the current NPP Programs?

The list of current NPP's can be found [here](#). If your church or organization is not an NPP, but is interested in information, email NPP@northwestu.edu.

Academic

9. Can I sign up for just one class?

Yes, NPP students can take one class per semester. Most students will be charged the \$1300/student/semester program fee regardless of how many classes they enroll for.

10. Can I participate in the internship without taking NPP classes?

In order to receive the free NPP Internship credits, students must be enrolled in at least one NPP course each semester. You are welcome to participate in your church internship program without being an NPP student for no credit.

11. How do I register for classes?

Your NPP Academic Advisor will create a schedule for you each semester, and ask you to confirm it via text, email, phone call or Zoom video chat before registering you for classes.

12. How do I earn college credit for my internship?

NPP Practicums are an important and distinctive aspect of the NPP, allowing students the option of earning three college credits for each semester of training in the local NPP Partner's internship program for free. Your program coordinator will submit paperwork to NU in advance; approving your practicum. Credits are applied to student transcripts at the end of each semester.

13. Where can I access the Student Handbook?

NPP is within the CAPS (College of Adult & Professional Studies) department. You can access the CAPS Student Handbook [here](#).

14. What if I have more questions about NU Online classes?

You can access the NU Online FAQ's [here](#).

Financial Aid

15. What does the NPP program cost?

The NPP costs \$310 per credit, plus an optional NPP Program Fee of \$1300 per semester, for a total cost of \$10,040 per year with NPP Program Fee, for up to 30 credits per academic year.

16. Can I use Financial Aid?

Yes, we recommend all NPP students apply for federal aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov using our school code 003783. All tuition and fees are applicable for federal aid (loans and grants. For more information, see [this page](#).

17. How many credits must I take in order to receive Financial Aid?

All students must be enrolled in at least six credits (half time). If a student is eligible for Federal Pell Grant it will be adjusted based on the number of credits for which the student is enrolled.

For more Financial Aid FAQ's, see [this page](#).