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Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod

LCMS Church Professional Programs
at CUC offer preparation and
guidance for a profession serving
God through serving others.

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The **PREPARED TO SERVE: CHURCH PROFESSIONAL GUARANTEE** makes a Christ-centered education more accessible than ever for new, full-time students. By combining scholarships from CUC, Illinois MAP grants and federal Pell grants, you can significantly lower your educational costs.

Eligible programs include:

- Lutheran Teacher Education
- Director of Christian Education
- Deaconess
- Pre-Seminary
- Classical Lutheran Educator
- Director of Parish Music

As one of the most affordable pathways in the Concordia University System, this program demonstrates our commitment to preparing you for a life of service to God and His people in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.



SCAN NOW!

Discover full details and eligibility requirements.



CHURCH PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

NEW! CLASSICAL LUTHERAN EDUCATOR

Our newest church professional program integrates confessional Lutheran theology with classical liberal studies, classical pedagogy, and field experiences and internships in classical schools. Graduates will be equipped to teach in classical Christian and home schools, consortiums and other settings that do not require state licensure. Students who desire to teach in the upper grades choose a content area in which to specialize (e.g., English, math, history, philosophy, theological languages). Those wanting to teach in lower grades major in classical liberal studies. The program prepares students for LCMS certification as a Minister of Religion—Commissioned. The goal is to cultivate thoughtful, intelligent and virtuous Christian

educators, leaders and citizens of home, church and community.

DEACONESS STUDIES

A deaconess shares the Gospel through mercy, spiritual care and teaching the faith. Students in CUC's deaconess program become fully certified in the LCMS after four years of college plus a one-year paid internship. Through rigorous coursework and field experience, our program prepares you for compassionate service in congregations, agencies or mission fields. Take advantage of the university setting and our faculty's real-world experience to develop diaconal skills in caregiving, classical pedagogy, social work, music, Spanish, biblical languages or education.

Prepare for a career serving LCMS congregations, schools and ministries, nationwide and abroad. With high-quality academics and extensive internship and service opportunities, you'll be well equipped for success in your future vocation.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A director of Christian education (DCE) serves within a congregation as part of a ministry team with pastors and other staff members. Depending on your unique talents and interests, you might work in the areas of parish education, children's and youth ministry, small group ministry, young adult ministry, family ministry or music ministry. CUC's DCE program takes advantage of Chicago's rich learning environment by providing you with local opportunities to develop practical skills through field experience and servant events.

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I have a lot of younger siblings, so I'm used to caring for people and serving and volunteering. Going into church work and the Deaconess program was a good way to be in a position where I would be able to serve and continue helping people.

Anika Slayton
'25 Theology/Deaconess Program

**LIVE
THE
WORD**



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DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC

A director of parish music (DPM) leads the church's song. Whether leading congregational singing, directing choral or instrumental ensembles, or planning worship services with the pastor, the DPM certificate—based in the liberal arts music major—prepares the candidate for a variety of music ministry possibilities in the church.

LUTHERAN TEACHER EDUCATION

CUC's Lutheran teacher education (LTE) program will equip you with the education and licensure necessary to become a teacher in any of the 1,800+ Lutheran schools in the U.S. The LTE program is combined with your choice of programs in the College of Education: early childhood, elementary, middle grades, secondary, special education, and PK-12 art, music, physical education or Spanish.

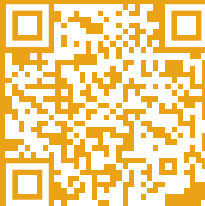
PRE-SEMINARY PROGRAM

Pastors have a wide range of responsibilities within the Church. They not only lead worship, but also assist with education, evangelism, counseling, social ministry and the day-to-day administration of congregations and other charitable institutions. CUC's pre-seminary program guides you in the process of discernment, while also preparing you for further studies. Upon receiving your degree, you will be recognized as having completed a program of study that competently prepares you to attend the seminary of your choice.

MAKE IT HAPPEN



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YOUR CAMPUS
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CAREER PLACEMENT

Successful graduates of the LTE, DCE, DPM and deaconess programs are eligible for a call as commissioned ministers in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The University's director of synodical placement works to match each graduate's skills and ministry goals with the needs of various ministries in the Church. Successful pre-seminary graduates are fully equipped and recommended for entrance into one of the seminaries of the LCMS.