



JOURNEY LEADERSHIP

I N S T I T U T E

Core Plus FAQ

Evening Program Core Plus students receive the full Evening Program experience through a combination of hands-on learning, one-on-one mentorship from staff and leaders, and large group teachings. Each Core Plus student gains practical ministry experience through leading a specific team in an area they're passionate about. Core Plus students serve at The Journey each weekend, receive coaching and development each week, and attend additional development opportunities with staff throughout the year.

Who can apply to be a Core Plus student?

We're looking for passionate, driven leaders who believe they're called by God to lead within the local church. Through our Evening Program, we're committed to raising up a generation of empowering leaders to change Journey City for Jesus.

Ideally, we're looking for Journeyers who are:

- Followers of Jesus with strong character
- Possess a leadership gift
- Demonstrate a strong sense of calling from God on their lives
- Regularly practice the public habits (gathering on a weekend, connecting in a J-Group, serving on the J-Team) and personal habits (invest & invite, practicing a slot & spot, giving your first)
- Willing to commit 10-15 hours per week to serving at The Journey
- Able and willing to cover all tuition and fees

When do you meet?

Our next Evening Program runs from September through May.

Times:

- **Potential:** Wednesday nights: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Teaching and ministry labs)

- **Weekends:** Requirements vary by ministry area and location. Interns are present for every gathering, three out of four weekends per month.
 - **Newark leaders:**
 - Saturday evening (3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
 - Sunday (8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.)
 - **Hockessin leaders:** Sunday (7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Each week, Core Plus students are required to attend Wednesday night large group teachings and intern-specific ministry labs. All Core Plus students also serve throughout each weekend. Throughout the year, Core Plus students receive “Sabbath Weekends” to rest and recharge from their regular ministry responsibilities. As part of their weekly commitment, Core Plus students will also lead/attend core team meetings, J-Groups, and connect with their team members.

What is the curriculum, and what are the expectations?

The Evening Program is a combination of large group teaching and hands-on learning. Each Core Plus student will work with their mentor to develop a “pathway” based on their gifts, desires, and open opportunities to lead here at The Journey. Core Plus students will lead a specific team where they gain practical ministry experience through building teams, casting vision, and leading J-Teamers. In addition, Core Plus students will meet once per week for large group teaching.

We will utilize teaching from our staff and other Journey leaders to help students learn three main themes:

- **Who we are:** Leaders will learn what it means to be part of a local church and how we grow closer to Jesus through gathering, connecting, and serving.
- **Who you are:** Leaders will learn how to effectively lead themselves. We’ll also provide helpful self-assessment tools to help leaders better understand themselves and how they interact with others.
- **How you develop others:** Leaders learn how to develop, equip, and empower others through building teams. We’ll focus on understanding ministry leadership practices, developing leaders, and successfully leading teams in a ministry setting.

All Evening Program participants will receive a list of required books, reading, and videos before the semester begins.

Which ministry areas can I lead in?

Upon acceptance as a Core Plus student, we will work with you to choose a ministry area (called a Directed Study) to focus on that is based on your passions, gifts and experience. Your hands-on leadership and learning experiences will be focused within the Directed Study you’ve chosen.

How much does it cost?

Because of our commitment to equipping and empowering our leaders, The Journey makes a financial investment towards each Evening Program leader. Following our investment, program costs for interns are \$750 per year.

There is a \$100 deposit due by August 15th. Following that, leaders have the option to pay in full or may contact admissions to set up a payment plan.

Why should I invest in Evening Program?

As part of the Evening Program, you'll receive leadership training from Pastor Mark and other Journey staff members, while developing relationships with other Journey leaders, as well fees for trips we take and leadership events we attend. In addition, all of our Core Plus students will have the opportunity to develop relationships with and receive coaching from our staff and leaders.

If I'm interested, what are my next steps?

We encourage you to take time to think and pray through if entering this leadership track is the right fit for you. Here's what we suggest:

- Talk it over with your spouse and mentors. This is an intense, nine-month commitment, so ask others for wise counsel as you make this decision.
- Pray. If you sense a ministry calling on your life, ask God if this is your right next step.
- Complete the application.

When is the application due?

All applications are due by August 8th.

After I submit my application, what's next?

After reviewing all submissions, we will move select candidates to the interview round, where a leader in the Directed Study you choose will meet with you to review next steps. Selections will be made by the middle of August, and orientation happens late August.

If I'm not accepted as an intern, can I still participate as a Core Leader?

Yes! Throughout the application and interview process, we'll work with you to guide you towards your next right step.

Who should I talk to if I have questions?

Contact our Evening Program Director, Alyssa Wilkinson, at alyssawilkinson@yourjourney.tv