

# OUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

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Seattle Pacific University is committed to the entire learning community of resident faculty, students, and staff, as well as off-campus professionals who serve in agencies, schools, corporations, and other organizations.

Graduate program instructors model active scholarship and Christian perspectives through practice, publication, and presentations. They reinforce theoretical study by emphasizing projects, field-based activities, and public colloquia.

As a graduate student, you will develop critical-thinking skills in the context of mentoring relationships. By bringing extensive knowledge and experience to the classroom, you'll help to create a rich environment of cooperative and reciprocal learning.

You will graduate equipped to address professional organizational issues, influence policy, and promote systemic change, serving as an active leader in your community and fulfilling SPU's vision of engaging the culture and changing the world (<http://spu.edu/about-spu/mission/>).

The Wesleyan evangelical tradition approaches questions of faith and practice from the perspectives of Scripture, history, reason, and experience. Hence, graduate programs are grounded in biblical narrative, a reasoned Christian worldview, and applied ethics.