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## LIFESTYLE

Dallas Christian College by its very nature provides a two-fold environment. First, it is a Christian college where men and women prepare themselves to serve God as ambassadors. Second, it is a family composed of students, staff, faculty, and administration. Since Christianity demands development of the whole person, DCC provides opportunities in both academic and social development.

The central building on campus is the three-story administration building, which houses classrooms, library, computer labs, student lounges, and administration and faculty offices. These academic facilities provide outstanding opportunities in study and research vital for developing people of influence.

The remaining four buildings on DCC's 22-acre campus provide a nucleus for social development. Single men and women have separate residence halls: Newland Hall and Winslow Hall, respectively. The Redman Gymnasium includes a basketball court, volleyball courts, and dressing rooms. There are also a baseball field, soccer fields, a sand volleyball court, and other open fields for general athletic activities. The cafeteria provides meals to meet a variety of tastes; both food and atmosphere promote fellowship among students and faculty. The student lounge located in the administration building is a center for students and faculty to relax, fellowship, and experience opportunities for mentoring.

All the facilities, activities, and educational opportunities at DCC focus on the assumption that people preparing for service should "grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52). Therefore, in training the whole person, DCC emphasizes social, spiritual, and academic development.

A basic goal of education at DCC is the development and growth of the higher qualities of life in every student. As a foundation of this goal, DCC encourages students to exemplify Christ in all aspects of life—in attitudes, principles, and behavior.

The College aims to keep DCC as free as possible from any destructive elements that might hinder the best possible growth in Christian maturity and service. Students assume responsibility for abiding by the regulations of the College and for using discretion in relation to any activities which may be spiritually or morally destructive. Use of illicit drugs, alcohol, tobacco, electric cigarettes, or any smoking device is not permitted.

## HOUSING

All single students under the age of 21 not staying with parents or guardian must live in one of the residence halls, sharing together in this phase of the DCC community. Students desiring to live off campus must apply to the Director of Student Life. Each air-conditioned room is designed for two students, with two-room suites sharing private bath and toilet facilities. The student furnishes linens, is responsible for the appearance and care of the room, and shares in the general housekeeping of the residence hall. Televisions, microwaves, and refrigerators are allowed. If available, private rooms require permission of the Resident Director and are provided at added expense.

A residence hall reservation and damage fee is required to reserve a room. This fee is used to defray the cost of extraordinary damage caused by improper care of the residence hall. Room reservations should be submitted by July 1. Should students leave the College or move out of the residence hall prior to the end of the semester, it is considered a "breach of the lease" and there will be no refund.

The residence halls at DCC foster a culture unique to young men and women. Accordingly, DCC does not permit students over 26 years of age to live in the residence halls. The Director of

Student Life and the Resident Director may make exceptions under certain circumstances. Generally, however, students older than 26 years of age should make alternative housing arrangements.

## **FOOD SERVICE**

The College cafeteria serves three meals per day Monday through Friday with a continuous feed program through the day. In addition, a late night meal is served Tuesday nights (three times per month). No meals are scheduled when classes have been dismissed for announced holidays. The last meal served before a holiday will be lunch. A student living in the residence hall is required to be on the meal plan.

## **DEVELOPING CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE**

DCC is a place for growing in relationship with God. Campus life outside the classroom plays just as important a role in the spiritual growth of the students as what happens in the classroom and DCC strives to provide an environment to enhance such growth. Weekly devotions are provided for campus residents. Chapel services are conducted weekly for daytime students, and the message of each chapel service is recorded and is available to be viewed on Facebook Live. In addition, traditional daytime students attend spiritual formation, mentoring, and life-skills sessions called "Illuminate!"

Christian service is central to a person living a life of influence. Dallas Christian College thus requires enrollment in CHRS-1000 Developing Christian Influence for all students enrolled in six or more hours. This is a requirement of the Association for Biblical Higher Education and is described in the DCC Student Handbook, which is available online at [www.dallas.edu](http://www.dallas.edu). A record of each student's Christian service is kept. Such Christian service involvement is required for graduation as stated in the requirements for graduation.

CHRS-1000 Developing Christian Influence consists of three parts for non-traditional students and four parts for traditional (daytime) students. Requirements of each part vary depending on the students' program and the way they take the majority of their classes: e.g. traditional or non-traditional.

First, students are required to participate actively in their face-to-face community of faith. Traditional students are required to attend DCC chapel services held on campus once each week. Non-traditional students are required to attend church services and reflect on how they are applying what they are learning at DCC to their faith community.

Second, students are required to complete and report on Christian service hours throughout their tenure at DCC. Opportunities abound for involvement in community service (e.g., hospital visitation, working with underprivileged youth, rest homes, and special programs) or church service (e.g., Bible study classes, surveys, visitations, youth groups, and student preaching).

Third, in accordance with DCC's mission to educate and mentor, students are required to participate in DCC's mentoring program designed for traditional or non-traditional students. Traditional students have a day each week dedicated to mentoring, life skills, and spiritual formation (Illuminate!). Although non-traditional students take part in the mentoring program, the activities are not scheduled on a specific day of the week. Rather, the mentoring plan for these students is organized to allow them to fulfill the requirements on a more flexible schedule.

Fourth, traditional students are required to participate in Serve Days each semester organized by the Student Development Office. *DCC Online* students are welcome to participate in these activities but should notify the Student Development Office prior to the event.

CHRS-1000 Developing Christian Influence is described more fully in the DCC Student Handbook. While these requirements appear at first to be above and beyond the necessary academic work, they are at the heart of engaging in their calling. There is no better way to apply material learned in the classroom than to serve regularly while at DCC.

## **ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Students sponsor many activities and projects during the school year. Socials, intramural competitions, assemblies, and other events are planned and carried out by the student body under the student government. The student government provides valuable assistance in the operation of campus-hosted social and ministry events. The student government also serves as a sounding board and advisory panel for the College. Officers and representatives elected by the students help make DCC a community of involved, committed, and joyful Christians.

### **MUSIC AND WORSHIP**

Worship at Dallas Christian College is centered around a corporate experience that forms and shapes the individual worshiper into the likeness of Christ. It is assumed that worship moves from the classroom to the Chapel, and then into the local community and the world.

Music is an important element in life, worship, evangelism and personal growth. To that end DCC encourages the development of musical ability and worship leading skills. The Worship Arts program is designed to equip students to lead others in worship and to communicate God's story effectively while growing personally in one's relationship to God.

The Concert Choir, open to all students, presents a message in a variety of song genres while increasing musical skills. The Concert Choir presents an annual Christmas Dinner Theater each December and various Chapel programs and weekend performances are also scheduled throughout each semester.

### **ATHLETICS**

Development of the whole person involves the body as well as the mind. Therefore, DCC offers both indoor and outdoor physical activities. Athletic facilities on campus include athletic fields and a gymnasium. Through intramurals, campus tournaments, and social activities, DCC students have many opportunities to stay physically active.

Dallas Christian College is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA). DCC competes in intercollegiate Men's Baseball, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's and Women's Golf, Men's and Women's Soccer, Women's Softball, and Women's Volleyball. Through such avenues, students have the opportunity to use their athletic skills to minister to each other and to their opponents.

Students participating in varsity sports (including team managers) must enroll for PHED-    \_11\_ Team Sports for credit.

## OUTREACH

Dallas Christian College is committed to serving the church. Many opportunities for practical experience are available to give the student the opportunity to preach, teach, lead in worship, and gain valuable leadership experience. Summer outreach teams travel throughout the summer. Ministry Teams are available for students on a voluntary basis. Students who travel with Ministry Teams are able to put into practice what they have learned through leading in worship services and teaching classes in churches throughout the Southwest. Many students also participate in summer, semester-long, year-long, or extended field experiences (for-credit internships and non-credit ministry experiences). The College experiences a campus-wide day of service each semester, which gives students, faculty, staff, and administration the opportunity to serve the community together.

## HEALTH INFORMATION

In Dallas Christian College's effort to encourage students to maintain a healthy lifestyle, it has certain requirements and recommendations as described below.

### BACTERIAL MENINGITIS VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

Per State legislation effective January 1, 2012, all entering Texas college students must receive a vaccination or booster (if the vaccination is five years old) against bacterial meningitis before enrollment in accordance with *Texas Education Code*, Section 51.9192.

The vaccine or booster is required for entering students at Texas public and private colleges, living both on- and off-campus.

- An entering student is a new student or a student who has had a break of enrollment for one or more fall or spring semesters. Summer semester is not included as a break in enrollment.
- Transfer students are considered entering students. Transfer students may request an official memo stating proof of vaccination (within the last five years) from their previous institution and submit with the vaccination requirement form.
- Students who are enrolled only in online courses are exempt.
- Entering students 22 years of age or older are exempt (SB 62, effective October 1, 2013).

The student, or parent or guardian of the student, must provide an official immunization record or other required documentation listed on the form, showing the student has received the bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster during the five-year period prior to enrollment, and **not less than 10 days before the first day of classes**.

Entering students will be unable to complete registration until the paperwork is received and reviewed.

Questions concerning the bacterial meningitis requirement and forms should be directed to the Office of the Registrar.

### HEPATITIS B VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

A Hepatitis B vaccination is required for students enrolled in a course of study that involves potential exposure to human or animal blood or bodily fluids in accordance with *Texas Education Code*, Section 51.933.

## **RECOMMENDED TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SKIN TEST**

DCC recommends all students have a PPD **Mantoux** TB skin test or a chest X-ray to rule out TB, prior to registration for the first semester at DCC. The student is responsible for having the required testing and it is at his/her expense.

## **RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS**

The following vaccines are recommended but not required:

- Hepatitis A and B
- Influenza (flu)
- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) - 2 doses (required for international students)
- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)
- Varicella (chicken pox)

For more information, please contact the Student Development Office.

## **STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE**

DCC recommends all students carry personal health insurance. DCC will not assume financial liability for medical treatment and hospital services. Most students are protected for medical and hospital claims through family insurance programs. For students not covered under such a plan, information regarding health insurance options is available in the Office of Student Development. Premium payments are the responsibility of the individual student.

All students participating in intercollegiate athletics are required to show health insurance coverage in an accident and hospitalization program before being allowed to engage in athletic competition.

## **STUDENT LOUNGE**

The Student Lounge located in the administration building provides a center for students and faculty to fellowship and enhances mentoring opportunities. The student lounge includes a large screen media center, games and entertainment, and an area to relax with a cup of coffee from the rigors of study.

## **VIRTUAL BOOKSTORE**

The Dallas Christian College Virtual Bookstore is available to meet student's textbook needs. Visit the DCC website at [www.dallas.edu/bookstore](http://www.dallas.edu/bookstore). For most textbooks, options offered are new, used, e-book, and rental. Full instructions are listed on the Virtual Bookstore home page.

Students should plan to spend between \$450-550 per semester for books and supplies. Students receiving financial aid and choosing to use financial aid funds for bookstore purchases must request a book allowance in the Financial Aid Office or by e-mail at [fa@dallas.edu](mailto:fa@dallas.edu). Book allowances can only be used to purchase books on the Virtual Bookstore site. Students who do not receive financial aid or who choose not to use financial aid funds can make their purchases using a credit card or check.

Students may also sell books back to Virtual Bookstore through the Virtual Bookstore website.

While at DCC, students are encouraged to take every opportunity to develop a personal library for use in future Christian service. Therefore, in addition to course-related books and supplies, the DCC Virtual Bookstore sells books recommended by professors for additional study.

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

Dallas Christian College serves students. Additional information on student services can be found at the Student Development link on the DCC website: <https://www.dallas.edu/student-resources/>.