



# HOLY FAMILY SERVICE CORPS

## Special Ed. Teaching Fellows

The Teaching Fellows Program offers participants a masters degree in Special Education at Duquesne University. Prospective Fellows must have an undergraduate degree in Special Education with Teaching Certification for PA

Teaching fellows will receive a modest stipend and room and board in a faith-based community setting. The program foundation is in the Catholic tradition and considers the whole person—social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual.

### PROGRAM FEATURES:

- Obtain a master's degree
- Connect your passion to your profession while doing meaningful service.
- Learn new skills to become an educator focused on excellence
- Build vital skills in a hands on environment that is project-based and progressive
- Spiritual immersion
- Enhance the teaching of your discipline with well-rounded experience
- Serve the common good
- An ecumenical atmosphere open to diversity
- Live in community with others and experience faith sharing in the tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

### Basic requirements:

- 3.0 average during undergraduate program
- Complete application processes for HFSC and Duquesne University; meet admission requirements for both
- Commit to a two-year long program living in the HFSC community
- Interview with leadership at Holy Family Specialized Learning and HFSC

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This program is a collaboration between Duquesne University and Holy Family Service Corps. The education immersion experience occurs at Nazareth Prep.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What academic background is required to apply to the Holy Family Teaching Corps?**

Applicants must have an undergraduate degree in Special Education. A PA teachers certification is required. In certain cases a provisional certification and be sought.

### **Do I need to be Catholic to apply to the Holy Family Service Corps Teaching Fellow Program?**

Applicants from any faith background and at any point in their spiritual journey are welcome to apply, though, all teachers must show openness to Holy Family Spirituality and feel comfortable living out the gospel values in a Catholic living environment. Through seminars, coursework, faith sharing, retreats, weekly community nights, teachers learn about the sponsors' mission and charism.

### **I graduated from college a few years ago. Am I still eligible to apply?**

Yes! Typical applicants are college seniors or within a few years of having finished college. It is common for applicants to work or volunteer for a couple of years before joining our program.

### **Am I required to come to Pittsburgh to interview?**

No. Interviews can be conducted via Zoom Meeting.

### **What does the Holy Family community living requirement look like?**

It is a requirement that participants commit to living simply in intentional community for the duration of the two years. Our special ed school operates primarily from mid-August to mid-June. Fellows get a few weeks off in the summer. During the school year teachers live in a small community of 3-8 people. Bedrooms are private; bath rooms are shared. Community members are expected to support each other. Weekly community nights and social outings are part of the program as well as occasional retreats.

### **What are the financial commitments and benefits?**

Program participants are full-time volunteer teachers and graduate students who earn a modest monthly stipend which is adequate to cover personal expenses and incidentals. It is best if applicants not have large debt to manage as the monthly stipend would not be enough to cover car insurance or car payments. Teachers earn a full scholarship master's degree and have the ability to defer loans while gaining invaluable teaching experiences.

Teachers are not permitted to have additional employment for the duration of time in the program.