



# HOLY FAMILY SERVICE CORPS

## Teaching Fellows Program

The Teaching Fellows Program offers participants a masters degree in secondary education from Duquesne University. Prospective Fellows must have an undergraduate degree in Education, English, math, science, or Theology.

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 Duquesne University and HFSC and meet admission requirements for both
- Commit to a two-year long program living in the HFSC community
- Interview with leadership at Nazareth Prep and HFSC

**Interested in the Teaching Fellows Program? Contact Lynn Guerra at [guerra.lynn@hfi-pgh.org](mailto:guerra.lynn@hfi-pgh.org) or 412-766-9020 x1304.**

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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?**

Typical applicants may already have an undergraduate degree in education while others have a degree in an endorsable content area such as English, history, Theology, science or math. Anyone with a degree in elementary or secondary education and who possesses a teaching certificate (or who will have this by the time the program begins), is welcome to apply.

For all interested applicants, the first step is to email an unofficial copy of your transcript to Duquesne University, so we can determine your eligibility. The correct email address will be provided determined by your undergraduate degree.

### **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 gospel values in a Catholic school and living environment. (Theology Teaching Fellows must be Catholic) 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 high 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 3-7 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, depending upon the loan institution, have the ability to defer loans while gaining invaluable teaching experiences in a progressive Catholic high.

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

### **Will I be able to coach or serve as a club moderator?**

Yes! Teachers are required to get involved in the school community, as it's a great way to get to know the students and the larger community. In most cases, teachers are not allowed to take on the responsibilities of a head coach due to the demands of academic coursework and community living. HFSC Teaching Fellow members are great assistant coaches, club moderators, or fans so long as they are keeping up with their HFSC commitments first.