

Ministry Opportunities at Ecclesia College

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Founded in 1975 by Oren and Inez Paris, EC has historically focused on training and sending out missionaries. With the steady growth of our curriculum and programs, we decided (in 1995) to embark on the lengthy process of institutional accreditation. EC emerged as an accredited college in 2007 with one degree program in Biblical Studies. Since that time we have developed sixteen **degrees**, covering areas like business, sport management, counseling, leadership, and political science.

Since EC's inception, America has increasingly become a mission field. Alarming, only 17% of Christians have a biblical worldview according to **this study**. There is an undeniable correlation between removing God from education in America and Christianity's decline in our country. Bottom line: America—especially American education—is a mission field. The biblical prescription for education is clear: "...supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge..." (2 Peter 1:5 ESV).

Less than 10% of Americans attend a Christian school. In other words, the vast majority of our young people are being fed a diet of ungodly relativism. This is sandy ground for the stability of any nation. On top of this, the lion's share of taxpayer funding for education is directed to public institutions where grades are falling and standards are ever being lowered to adjust for the downward trend. School choice (where the tax dollars follow the individual student) is one way to combat this, but the importance of godly and excellent education seems to be absent from the understanding of many fellow citizens. Because the public school system is propped up with tax dollars, students have little choice but to go the way of the world. Most families cannot afford to pay the tuition of private schools on top of the taxes they already pay to support public education. Nevertheless, many would choose the better alternatives if they could.

We strive to keep the cost of education low so price is not a deciding factor. EC staff and faculty receive far less in wages than their counterparts at other institutions, because we collectively believe in the **foundational values** of the College and consider it a privilege to serve the younger generations. Because of this, our students graduate with an average of under \$10,000 in debt, while the national average is over \$30,000. In contrast, I recall that a few years back the University of Arkansas received something higher than \$10,000 per student from state tax dollars (not received by their private school counterparts), and they have a much higher rate of debt upon graduation than we do.

Come Serve with Us!

If you believe you're called to serve with us at Ecclesia College, we currently have several opportunities for mission-minded people. For those willing and qualified, we are able to provide a \$500 per month stipend, plus food when the dining hall is open during the school year, and housing in the dorms year round.

Positions range from assistant coaches (all assistant coaches work half time in another staff or faculty position) to office staff and faculty who can help pioneer new programs in areas like ESL, music, sports, etc. All EC employees are involved in mentoring students either directly, through their job, or in our work learning program. (All traditional students participate in the work learning

program where the cost of education is offset through work, Christian character is taught, and résumés and skillsets are built for future jobs.)

EC has immediate openings for:

- Assistant shooting sports coach: unlike some of the other sports programs offered, this would only require an average of ten hours per week on the sport portion of the job. The other thirty hours could be spent in a variety of other staff or faculty positions that would best match your calling and skill set.
- ESL coordinator: this person would help launch and administrate accredited ESL program.
- Financial aid clerk: help students through the financial aid process.
- Assistant men's and women's basketball coaches.
- Credentialed faculty: political science, business, math, etc.
- Writing coach: this person would help tutor students in writing.
- Admissions/marketing.
- Cook.

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Sincerely,

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