

# Grad School for Service Junkies

If your term of service is coming to an end you may be wondering what to do next. After having moved to a different place, deepening your faith by coming into contact with the poor and marginalized, and begun to question your values on a deeper level, you may be feeling doubt about the next phase of your life. On the other hand, your service may have confirmed the path you are on and helped you to make a deeper commitment to your values. In either case, graduate school is a course of action frequently taken by volunteers after they have completed their term of service. The following graduate programs from five universities cater specifically to former volunteers who have completed a term of full-time service. More information is available at our website (<http://www.pallotticenter.org/docs/graduate-programs.pdf?m=ra>).

## **Villanova Campus Ministry Graduate Internship Program** (<http://www.villanova.edu/campusministry/internships/requirements.htm>)

Each academic year (late spring semester), the Center for Pastoral Ministry Education awards four Graduate Internships in Campus Ministry and selects candidates from among applicants accepted into a Graduate Degree Program at Villanova. The Internship spans two years of academic and ministerial work (including at least one summer of academic work) and offers many opportunities for development personally, spiritually, academically, and professionally. The Campus Ministry Graduate Internship Program seeks mature Catholic men and women who are committed to offering assigned ministry in a First Year Residence Hall setting.

## **University of Dayton Campus Ministry Graduate Assistant Program** ([http://www.udayton.edu/ministry/about/ga\\_program.php](http://www.udayton.edu/ministry/about/ga_program.php))

Nine Campus Ministry Graduate Assistants serve the campus community through the Center for Social Concern, Residence Life Ministry, Retreats and Faith Development, Neighborhood Ministry, Campus Liturgies, and the Program for Christian Leadership. The Graduate Assistant in Campus Ministry is a regular candidate for the Masters of Theological Studies or Pastoral Ministry degree program. Academic work toward either of these degrees is a two year program (including 2 summer sessions). Assistantships are granted each year for a maximum of two years.

## **University of Notre Dame Alliance for Catholic Education** (<http://ace.nd.edu/>)

The ACE M.Ed. intensively prepares teachers by integrating graduate level coursework with an immersion teaching experience. Throughout their two years teaching in under-resourced Catholic schools, ACE teachers earn a cost-free Master of Education degree from the University of Notre Dame. Upon graduation, they are eligible for state licensure as a teacher. ACE teachers spend two summers living and studying with the larger ACE community at Notre Dame. The centerpiece of the summer program is an innovative teacher-preparation curriculum, taught by select faculty and experienced practitioners, combined with a supervised field experience in local public and Catholic schools.

## **University of Notre Dame ECHO Program** (<http://echo.nd.edu/>)

Echo apprentices are mature, faithful, and committed young adults who not only live together but also create community together by sharing the joys and challenges of their daily lives and the faith that unites and sustains them. Human and communal formation in Echo offers apprentices the opportunity to participate in several different kinds of community—the M.A. Theology community, the larger Echo community, an intentional faith community, and a diocesan and parish community—while deepening their capacity for personal growth, healthy relationships and a life-giving community experience. Echo apprentices pursue a General M.A. in Theology degree in consultation with their academic advisor. The course of study includes a cluster of courses that focus on catechesis and catechetical study. The program seeks to provide adequate training in the basics of Christian doctrine as well as adequate training in the sophistication of theological reflection.

## **Loyola University Chicago M.A. in Social Justice/Community Development** (<http://luc.edu/ips/about.shtml>)

The MA in Social Justice and Community Development degree is an interfaith program that engages students through a values-based perspective. The degree is designed for those aspiring to affect social transformation in local communities as well as to those committed to restoring economic equity, social justice, and ecological health on a national or global scale.

## **Marquette University Trinity Fellows Program** (<http://www.marquette.edu/trinityfellows/about/index.html>)

The Trinity Fellows Program is a graduate fellowship program dedicated to developing urban leaders with a commitment to social and economic justice. Fellows participate in a 21-month study/work program while earning a master's degree in one of thirteen fields of study. The program is intended for committed individuals who care about the well-being of others, about issues of social and economic justice, and who wish to acquire experience in the urban nonprofit sector while studying for two years toward a Master's degree.

