MISSION

ROCHESTER COLLEGE CULTIVATES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, PRINCIPLED CHARACTER, SERVANT LEADERSHIP, AND GLOBAL AWARENESS THROUGH A RIGOROUS EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE THAT INTEGRATES LIBERAL ARTS AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES WITHIN AN INCLUSIVE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE.

Through our mission we affirm the following:

- A quality education stresses excellence and trains students to perform scholarly research, to think critically and creatively, and to be able to write and speak effectively.
- An educated person reveres God and is committed to truth and justice.
- An educated person is able to connect coherently the spiritual truths of God with the wisdom of humanity embodied in the arts and the sciences.
- A Christian education demonstrates that a vibrant faith compels a life of personal virtue and social responsibility.
- An educated person is not afraid to pursue truth through open investigation and is able to assess and evaluate all truth claims through well-developed skills for critical thinking.
- An educated person possesses a lifelong desire to grow intellectually and spiritually.
- An educated person views a vocation as an opportunity for service and stewardship, rather than a passport to privilege.
- This community, its professors, and administrators promote and incarnate all of the above affirmations within a nonsectarian Christian orientation.

ACADEMIC VISION

ROCHESTER COLLEGE IS COMMITTED TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.

The College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Undergraduate concentrations in its Integrated Learning Model emphasize the importance of a liberal arts curriculum that models and teaches scholarly research, critical thinking, and effective communication skills in all fields of study.

Specialized programs in education, nursing, business, psychology, and religious studies prepare our graduates for productive careers in the marketplace and for advanced studies at graduate and professional schools. Rochester College offers a Master's Degree in Religious Education (MRE). The use of cutting-edge educational technology allows the delivery of courses in a variety of on-site and distance settings.

ROCHESTER COLLEGE CULTIVATES THE MORAL AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF ITS STUDENTS. The College affirms this commitment to all students and in all programs through its curricular requirements for ethical and religious studies as well as through the commitment to hire faculty who are committed to an inclusive Christian orientation. The residential traditional program also operates within an inclusive Christian culture which promotes a holistic education through Integrated Learning Models and unique opportunities for faculty-student mentoring. The small-college residential environment provides opportunities to be involved in theater, athletics, music, student government, community cultural events, and a variety of other activities that contribute to the development of mental, ethical, and social skills.

Although students in accelerated programs and persons enrolled in online courses from Rochester College do not experience such face-to-face events as chapel and other elements of campus life, all our students form a true community of scholarship, exchange of ideas, and respect for one another. Faculty members are available to students in situations outside of formal instruction contexts.

Commuters and online students are always welcome on the residential campus and have access to its resources for research, student services, and camaraderie.

HERITAGE

In 1954, members of the Churches of Christ formed a Board of Trustees to establish a college in the north central United States. The new Board purchased land near rural Rochester, Michigan, and the first students arrived at North Central Christian College in 1959. Several years later, NCCC became Michigan Christian College. In 1997, the Board adopted the name Rochester College. That year, the Board reaffirmed the founders’ dedication to the task...
of leading students toward high academic achievement and the development of Christian ideals and character. Over the years, the campus of Rochester College has grown, and the college leaders have continued to develop and modify programs that meet the changing needs of our students.

In a typical year, students arrive from more than a dozen states and about six different nations. Alumni are scattered in many places around the country and the world.

Since its inception, Rochester College has emphasized the importance of combining academic excellence with Christian ideals. While the College admits students of all races and religions and carefully explains varying worldviews in relevant courses, it employs only those professors and instructors who understand, model, and teach the Christian faith. Regardless of their discipline, faculty members routinely relate their subject matter to relevant principles and concepts of the Christian faith.

**DEGREE OFFERINGS**
(SEE PAGE 60 FOR LISTING OF DEGREE OPTIONS)

Rochester College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association to offer the following degrees:

- Associate of Arts (AA)
- Associate of Science (AS)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Science (BS)
- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- Master of Religious Education (MRE)

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

The Graduate School of Religion at Rochester College provides an excellent opportunity in ministry preparation for men and women called to professional or volunteer ministry. The Master of Religious Education in Missional Leadership (MRE) integrates rigorous theological content with practical experience designed to prepare students for a lifetime of faithful service and vibrant discipleship.

The MRE provides sources for a strong biblical, theological, and pastoral imagination that enables leaders to serve missional communities seeking to embody the gospel in a dynamic cultural context.

The MRE is a 36-hour, cohort based, full-time integrated program combining 24 online hours with 12 intensive, face-to-face hours. While the majority of coursework is completed online, students are required to travel to the RC campus or other designated sites one week each semester for spiritual retreat and intensive coursework.

For more information about the program, contact the Graduate Office at missional@rc.edu.

**THE CAMPUS**

Rochester College is located on 81 acres of suburban woodlands dotted with lakes and bordered by the Clinton River. It is part of Rochester Hills, an area that has developed into one of the most popular residential communities of southeastern Michigan. The area’s unique mixture of country charm and modern development has caused the city’s population to pass 70,000.

Upscale shopping centers, theaters, parks, biking trails, and popular restaurants offer many options for recreation. Job and internship opportunities are numerous since over 50% of the Fortune 500 corporations have operations in the area. The Greater Detroit Area also features museums and professional sports teams. Canada is less than an hour away, accessible by bridge or tunnel.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC FACILITIES**

**ASSOCIATES CAMPUS CENTER**

Campus Center is home to several classrooms, a 16-terminal computer lab with Internet access, Academic Services, Student Development, the Center for Extended Learning, Career Services, Information Technology, and faculty offices.

**GALLAHER CENTER**

Gallaher Center houses the Campus Store and Admissions offices as well as the Alumni Music Center, which is located on the upper and lower levels of west Gallaher Center.

**WHITE HOUSE**

The former president’s home now houses the Counseling Center, where students may schedule counseling sessions.

**ENNIS AND NANCY HAM LIBRARY**

In 2003, the library was named in honor of Ennis and Nancy Ham. The library offers electronic, print, and audio-visual materials to all students and guests. Users have remote and on-campus access to indexing and full-text articles in over 60 electronic databases. The library’s holdings can be found through the online
catalog at www.rc.edu/resources/ham-library. The library home page contains information on the online catalog, electronic resources, Internet resources, contact information, interlibrary loan services, and library news.

The lower level of the Ham Library building has several well-equipped classrooms, as well as the laboratory for the Rochester College School of Nursing (Ham 116) where, through simulations, nursing students integrate their theoretical knowledge and previous learning in the curriculum into practiced skills.

MUIRHEAD CENTER
Student Financial Services, the Business Office, Online Learning, and faculty offices are located in the Muirhead Center.

RICHARDSON CENTER
The newest addition to the campus, this building features the Utley-McCauley Student Center, classrooms, faculty offices, a performing arts theatre, state-of-the-art science laboratories, and administrative offices.

WARRIOR CENTER
Once home to Rochester College’s science labs, this building now houses offices of the athletic and development offices.

RESIDENCE HALLS

BARBIER HALL
This hall is a two-story building located north of the Ferndale and Hoggatt Halls that houses up to 50 males, primarily freshmen. Rooms are carpeted and furnishings include a bed, wardrobe, desk, chest of drawers, hutch, and chair for each resident. Each floor has a community bath, and the first-floor has a laundry room. Phone hookups and cable are also available.

FERNDALE HALL
Constructed in 1997, this women’s residence hall offers suite-style living with private baths and Internet access in each room. All rooms are furnished with tile flooring, wardrobes, dressers, beds, desks, and chairs. Phone hookups and cable are also available. Residents may use Ferndale’s central kitchen and Dearborn Commons for laundry.

GATEWOOD HALL
This student residence hall offers suite-style living with private baths and Internet access in each room. All rooms are furnished with beds, wardrobes or closets, dressers, desks with hutches or shelves, and chairs. Phone hookups and cable are also available. Both men and women have access to a laundry room and kitchenette. The Academic Testing Center and the offices of The Shield, Rochester College’s student newspaper, are located in the basement of Gatewood Hall.

HOGGATT HALL
Constructed in 1997, this men’s residence hall offers suite-style living with private baths and Internet access in each room. All rooms are furnished with tile flooring, beds, wardrobes, dressers, desks, and chairs. Phone hookups and cable are also available. Residents who live in Hoggatt Hall are also permitted to use Hoggatt’s central kitchen and the laundry in Dearborn Commons.

PALMER HALL
Available on a limited basis to students 26 years and older or married students, each room features carpeting, a private bath, walk-in closet, outside entrance, and hookups for phone, cable, and Internet. Some rooms include a kitchenette. Palmer Hall is also the headquarters for the Housekeeping Department.

OTHER COLLEGE FACILITIES

DEARBORN COMMONS
Proximity to men’s and women’s residence halls makes this a popular campus gathering place. The Commons features a TV lounge, computer terminals, and coed laundry facilities.

FLETCHER CENTER
The campus cafeteria, the Fletcher Center, overlooks the campus lake and is equipped with wireless Internet. Food service for the college is provided by Chartwells.

GYMNASIUM
Housing a college basketball court, the gymnasium is the site of physical education classes, intramural athletics competitions, offices, locker rooms, athletic training room, and varsity meeting room.

ISOM ATRIUM
Home of the Café, the Atrium is a place where students and faculty can get a cup of coffee or a bite to eat, connect to wireless Internet, or meet with friends.

UTLEY CENTER
The Utley Center is home to the CHILL (Community Hub of Integrated Learning and Living) and ACE, the Academic Center for Excellence. Located adjacent to the Isom Atrium, Westside-Central Auditorium, and the Fletcher Center (the cafeteria), the Utley Center is an ideal location for students to study, meet with groups, and improve their academic skills.
UTLEY-MCCAULEY STUDENT CENTER
The Utley-McCauley Student Center is a gathering place for students, whether residential or commuting, to meet. The student center houses three different sections. One section has tables and chairs for students to study, read, and relax. The middle section has a large-screen TV with DVD/VCR capability, and the last section is a game area. The student center is also the home of Kibo Corner Coffee Café, part of Rochester College’s Center for East African Studies. Kibo Corner supports Kibo Group International, a foundation which promotes missions and business opportunities in East Africa. The coffee served at Kibo Corner is made exclusively from premium roasted Arabica beans from the Source Café in Uganda, East Africa.

WESTSIDE CENTRAL AUDITORIUM
Westside Central Auditorium is where Rochester College students meet for Chapel. The auditorium also hosts lectures, classes, theatre and music performances, and other special programs.

THEATRE
The Theatre in the Richardson Center is used for drama productions, choral rehearsals and performances, the annual musical variety show, and many special events such as college- and community-sponsored seminars and conferences.

COMPUTER LABS
Computer Labs are available in the Associates Campus Center and the first floor of the Ham Library building. These labs are open for use when classes in these rooms are not in session.