

INTRODUCTION TO ROCHESTER COLLEGE

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:

- 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 both 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. In addition, 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 CEL students 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 nation 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 61 for listing of majors)

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 Business Administration (BBA)
- Bachelor of Science (BS)
- 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 for men and women called to professional or lay ministry to pursue quality graduate education integrated with real life ministry that prepares students for a lifetime of faithful service and vibrant discipleship. The Master of Religious Education in Missional Leadership (MRE) is built upon a solid biblical, theological, and pastoral foundation, and is an ideal degree for anyone committed to leading within the church who is wrestling with the implications of a practical and living gospel and its relationship to and with dynamic cultures.

The MRE is a 36-hour, cohort-based, full-time integrated program combining 24 online hours with 12 intensive onsite hours. While the majority of the coursework will be completed online, students will be required to travel to the RC campus or other designated sites two times per year to participate in one-week retreat seminars and intensive courses.

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, and popular restaurants offer many options for recreation. There are numerous job and internship opportunities since over 50% of 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, Online Learning, 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 periodical databases. The library's holdings can be found through the online catalog at www.rc.edu/pages/library. The library home page contains information on electronic resources, Internet resources, contact information, interlibrary loan services and library news.

The librarians, support staff, and student library assistants work cooperatively to select, acquire, process, and organize the library's materials. Librarians are available to help individual students in research in the library as well as assist faculty in classroom instruction. The library is open and staffed by librarians 70+ hours per week.

Computers, study carrels, study rooms, and lounge furniture create a comfortable and friendly environment in which students study, collaborate, and research. Interlibrary loan through a large library network allows students and faculty opportunities to borrow from other state and national libraries.

Ham Library has membership in (ALA) American Library Association, (CCL) Christian College Librarians, (DALNET) Detroit Area Library Network, and (MCLS) Midwest Collaborative for Library Services

Muirhead Center

The Muirhead Center accommodates faculty, business, and Student Financial Services offices.

Richardson Center

This is the newest addition to the campus. This building features the Utleigh-McCauley student center, classrooms, 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 classrooms, an athletic training room, and administrative 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, with furnishings including a bed, wardrobe, desk, chest of drawers, hutch, and chair for each resident. Each floor has a community bath with a first-floor 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.

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 Dearborn Commons for laundry.



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 regulation college basketball court, the gymnasium is the site of physical education classes and intramural athletics competition.

Isom Atrium

Home of the Solid Rock Cafe, the Atrium is a place where students and faculty can grab a cup of coffee or a bite to eat, sit and chat, connect to wireless Internet, or meet with friends.

Utley Center

The Utley center is home to the CHILL Center and ACE Lab. Located adjacent to Isom Atrium, Westside-Central Auditorium, and the Fletcher Center (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 where students, whether residential or commuters, can 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, while the last section is a game area.

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 both the Associates Campus Center and the first floor of the Ham Library buildings. These labs are open for use when classes in these rooms are not in session.