



The Providence Perspective

The following has been adopted by Providence Christian College so that, as part of the college community, we may clearly reflect the mission of our Lord as it relates to higher Christian education. Read over our vision and purpose, our general expectations of campus life, and The Apostles' Creed. In order to live as a unified community of faith, we ask each student to agree with this foundational statement on college life. *This document should be printed, read, signed by the applicant, and mailed to Providence concurrent with the submission of the online application. Students will not be considered for admission until this document is received.*

Our vision and purpose. At Providence Christian College we gladly confess and seek to practice the Biblical teaching that all of life must be lived under the rule of Christ. Therefore, the instruction, attitudes and lifestyles of everyone at Providence must clearly express this truth. There are three parts to our commitment to our Lord's teaching. First, in our lifestyle, the college community is to obey God's Word. We are to demonstrate a repentant, redeemed heart and life. All of us are to respect one another as Christians, and to faithfully care for God's creation.

Secondly, at Providence, we understand the Bible as the infallible, inerrant Word of God. Doctrinally, we affirm the scriptural interpretation as summarized by the Reformed Confessions: the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Canons of Dort, and the Westminster Confession and Catechisms. We must each seek to know in our hearts and minds that God created all things, how Christ redeemed us out of the fallen human race by His grace, and what this means as we live a life of gratitude in our world.

Finally, our goal at Providence is to train students to understand the unity and diversity of the various parts of God's creation from the perspective of God's Word. A Providence education will help students engage and transform our culture for Jesus Christ. By God's grace our studies will enable students to excellently prepare for and carry out their God-given tasks and responsibilities in our contemporary society so that we can make a profound difference in our world. We will seek to promote the claims of Christ over all of life.

Campus Life. Since Providence Christian College unashamedly is a Christian college, all of life, inside and outside of the classroom, is to be lived for the glory of God, in obedience to His Word, the Bible, and in gratitude for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Students must make it their goal to understand the Bible's teachings concerning holiness, love of God and others, godliness, and to increasingly live in accord with these teachings. They, along with the rest of the college community, must demonstrate personal moral integrity in all the areas of their lives and work as part of that community.

This means, in part, that all of the students have both the privilege and responsibility to be a part of the Christian community that is being developed at the college. There are many opportunities for both personal and spiritual growth and development as we fellowship with other Christians. Being a part of the community at Providence Christian College means that we all are accountable first to the Lord, and then also to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Students are encouraged to demonstrate their genuine love for the Lord by engaging in personal as well as group devotions. All are expected to worship regularly at a local church that is faithful to the Scriptures, and to become an active participant in the life of that church. Chapel is a vital part of life on this campus, and therefore students, along with the rest of the college community, are expected to attend chapel regularly.

When students have problems regarding another individual or have legitimate complaints regarding some part of the activity of the college, they should seek to solve them with the appropriate people by following the Biblical admonition (Matthew 5 and 18) to go to the offending or offended person before taking the matter to a higher authority. Students have the right of appeal even to the Board of Directors, but only after seeking to rectify the situation with fellow students, professors, and/or the

appropriate administrators.

The college administration reserves the right to suspend or dismiss any student whose conduct or attitudes are unworthy of the standards of Providence Christian College. A student who is dismissed from the college must wait at least one semester following the semester of the dismissal before reapplying for admission.

A student who professes to be a Christian believes the affirmations found in the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father, almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

General Waiver

I have read this foundational statement of Providence Christian College, and I hereby agree to conduct myself in accordance with these standards. I further, to the best of my knowledge, declare that all the statements in this application are accurate and complete and upon admission to the college, give my consent to the Registrar's Office to obtain my final high school and/or college transcripts.

Signature of student

Date

Publications Waiver

I hereby give my consent to be photographed, videotaped, and/or recorded by a representative of Providence Christian College and/or its agents or vendors working on behalf of the College. I agree that my image and/or voice may be used in print, broadcast, and other materials created by them for the purposes of promoting Providence; communicating with students, alumni, donors, prospective donors, or other current or potential supporters; use in the college yearbook; and/or any other purpose related to the furthering of Providence's mission as an educational institution. I also waive the right to receive compensation for the use of my image and/or voice under the above stated conditions.

Signature of student

Date