

THE RESIDENCY AT HIDDEN ACRES

The Residency at Hidden Acres is a one-year integrated master’s degree program designed to **educate, equip, and empower** the next generation of servant leaders for a lifetime of Christian ministry.

Information Sheet

Hidden Acres has partnered with [Eleven:6](#), a faith-infused experiential education organization, and its partner universities, to give residents the ability to complete a graduate leadership degree in a practical ministry setting.

Through Eleven:6, residents complete all 30 credits of the program enrolled with either Anchor Christian University (ACU) or Southwest Baptist University (SBU), via an integrated frontline learning approach, tightly woven within the program at Hidden Acres. Residents earn a Master of Arts degree in either Christian Leadership (ACU) or in Organizational Leadership (SBU).

Residents are scheduled for 10 hours per week to work on their coursework. However, with the integrated structure of the program, much of the residents’ coursework is completed within the context of camp or their ministry placement.

Degree Options		
	Anchor Christian University (FL)	Southwest Baptist University (MO)
Degree	Master of Arts (MA) - Christian Leadership	Master of Arts (MA) - Organizational Leadership
Cost/Credit	\$250 (\$350 tuition - \$100 Ministry Partner Discount)	\$400
Total Cost	\$7,500	\$12,850
Financial Aid	Not available	Graduate Plus Loans
Accredited	Not yet	Yes. Regionally-accredited

The Residency Courses - Overview	
Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<p>Session 1 (Late August to Early October)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Interpretive Study of Biblical Discipleship • Spiritual Disciplines in Leadership 	<p>Session 3 (Early January to Early March)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Dynamic Teams • Emotional Intelligence • Organizational Communication
<p>Session 2 (Mid-October to Mid-December)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Interpretive Study of Biblical Leadership • Organizations as Learning Communities • Strategic Thinking 	<p>Session 4 (Mid-March to Mid-May)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonprofit Management • Developing a Biblical Worldview

Equip to Lead

Residents work approximately 20 hours per week in a personalized ministry setting - either at Hidden Acres or in a local Evangelical Free church. Residents are equipped to lead in a setting that fits their gifts, passions, and future career goals. Placements may include youth, children’s, pastoral, worship, or camp ministry.



Empower to Serve

Residents spend approximately 15 hours per week serving at Hidden Acres. This includes both weekday and weekend responsibilities, serving in every area of camp, including kitchen, programming, office, hospitality, maintenance, and grounds. This allows residents to serve in a ministry setting that may stretch them outside their comfort zone and provides the opportunity for residents to network with leaders from other ministries and churches that visit Hidden Acres throughout the year.

Program Details

Dates: The program runs from August through August each year. Residents complete their coursework and ministry placement during the school year and then serve in a leadership position on summer staff at Hidden Acres.

Finances: A primary goal of The Residency's academic option is to launch residents who are not only equipped for ministry but are also financially secure. While an average Christian college master's degree distance learning program can cost well over \$13,000 and take two years to complete, this one-year program can cover much of the cost of the degree program and also includes room and board and the ability to earn a net income of up to \$2,100, based on the college track.

Income: Residents receive a \$9,600 (\$800/mo, 12 months) work stipend from Hidden Acres and a \$5,000 ministry scholarship (\$500/mo, 10 months) from the ministry in which they are placed. That's \$14,600 of income for the year, in addition to room and board.

Expenses: The program cost is \$5,000 for the year. This covers housing, food, professional development trips, and Hidden Acres gear. Residents also pay tuition to one of the two universities (\$7,500 for Anchor or \$12,850 for Southwest Baptist).

Net Income: Residents earn enough in one year from the stipend and scholarship to cover the cost of the program fee and tuition from Anchor Christian, and a large portion of the cost for Southwest Baptist.

Resident Net Income		
	Anchor Christian Degree	SBU Degree
<i>Work Stipend</i>	9600	9600
<i>Ministry Scholarship</i>	5000	5000
<i>Program Cost</i>	-5000	-5000
<i>Tuition</i>	-7500	-12850
Net Income	\$2100	-\$3250

Application Process: Applicants need to complete an application, provide four references, and interview for The Residency. They also need to apply to one of the two partner universities. Each university has its own admissions process for prospective residents to complete. For more information on the application process and deadlines, as well as applications and references, go to hacamps.org. Email jesse.evans@hacamps.org with any questions.

Community: Residents live in either the Pavilion or the Danielson House at Hidden Acres with other residents and the students in the Pathways program, our gap year program. Each resident is discipled by a full-time ministry staff member and has the opportunity to disciple a younger Christian, either at camp or in their ministry placement.

Hidden Acres: Hidden Acres is a Christian camp and retreat center owned by the Evangelical Free Church Central District. We are located on 660 acres in Dayton, Iowa and host over 20,000 guests each year. We have around 30 year-round staff and hire about 150 students for summer staff.

