

## What We Offer

South Abbotsford Church offers four years of ministry experience under the leadership of a pastor in your field of study. The ideal situation is for students to be immersed in their ministry area for the full four years of their degree, but we do accept students outside of this ideal. Practicum and internship students will be provided with opportunities, teaching and mentorship by our staff team to help continue their personal growth, and continued development of their philosophy of ministry and style. There will also be valuable theological teaching and practical involvement in numerous ministry areas outside of their desired field through experience and conversations with different ministry leaders in the wider church scope. Interns will participate in individual mentorship, practical application, workshops and retreats, and will be given the opportunity to grow and develop their gifts, knowledge and abilities in a positive and healthy staff environment.

## South Abbotsford Church's Four Priorities:

### 1) Next Gen

*Connecting the next generation with Jesus and His Church.*

### 2) Proclaim

*Announcing the Good News of Jesus to the world in both word and action.*

### 3) Engage

*Enhancing the involvement of South Abbotsford Church in the community of Abbotsford.*

### 4) Belong

*Ongoing commitment to a culture of belonging in our church family.*

Below shows how a student in a four year degree can maximize their experience through volunteer and work experience to receive the breadth of experiences and training offered by South Abbotsford Church. We are glad to bring on students of any year in areas of practicum or internship, but the real fruit in this experience is found in longevity of relationship with both those they are working with and those mentoring the student.

1<sup>st</sup> Year of Post-Secondary Studies

Weekly volunteer practicum

2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Post-Secondary Studies

Weekly volunteer practicum

3<sup>rd</sup> Year of Post-Secondary Studies

F/T and P/T year-long internship\*; or weekly volunteer practicum

4<sup>th</sup> Year of Post-Secondary Studies

Self-Initiated, continued volunteering

**\*Summer Internship (May-August) and Internship Position (Sept-June)** are paid or partially paid positions that require a hiring process subject to interviewing and discerning. As there are only a few spots per year, please note that not all practicum students will have the opportunity to work in these positions.

## Your Commitment: Volunteer Practicum

We want to build into the new wave of volunteers and pastors. This doesn't mean that you have to aspire to be a pastor (though it might be), but it means that you have the desire to learn and grow in your gifts for a future in volunteer or paid ministry involvement. We ask that you prayerfully consider and then commit to our program for as long as you are in your studies (ideally for a minimum of two years), which allows you to experience ministry more fully through the longevity of relationships with staff, volunteers and youth, while also protecting the people you will be in relationship with. If you are looking for a blow-through, easy two hours of volunteer practicum, this is not for you. As a volunteer, you would be expected to be an active participant at leaders meetings and training times, committed to attending the programmed event that is a part of their ministry area, and any post connect time or take-down/clean-up from that event. Our commitment to you is to have numerous mentorship opportunities and give you experiences and teaching in areas you choose to participate in. For more information, check out our Volunteer Practicum flyer.

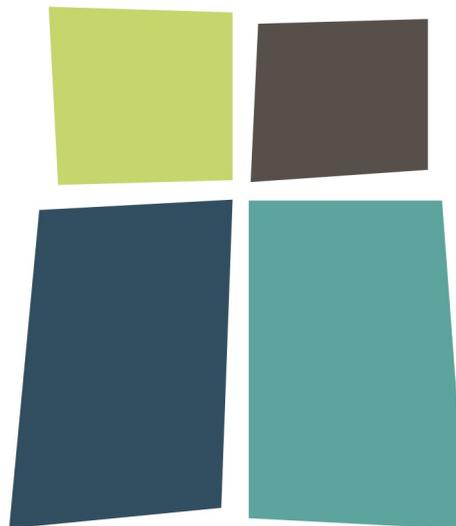


## Your Commitment: Internship

The intern will join our staff team and as a staff member; you will be asked to engage in a full-time role for a full ministry cycle (ie. September to June), be at regular staff meetings (some exceptions), participate in other areas of ministry not directly in the parameters of your desired field, and be a positive member of the team. While involved in the Internship, you will be asked to complete 600 pages of reading, which will encompass a range of theological roots, practical ministry tools and personal growth. Interns will be poured in to by their pastoral supervisor in their field through hands-on training and mentorship. You will receive a well-rounded experience as you are mentored with other pastors from other ministry areas (lead pastor, children's, etc). A hardworking and teachable persona is paramount to flourish in this internship position. You will be pushed to excel and grow personally, vocationally and spiritually. Interns will have the opportunity to be a part of God's work in the ministry of South Abbotsford Church. For more detailed information, check out our Student Ministry Internship Information Flyer.

## Summer Internship

South Abbotsford Church offers one or two paid summer internships working with students and/or children. Heighten your ministry experience by taking part in day-camp, missions trip, summer programming and planning for the fall in these full-time summer roles. To be eligible, you must be a full-time student before the summer and enrolled in full-time studies for the fall. To apply, have your cover letter and resume sent to [office@southabbotsford.com](mailto:office@southabbotsford.com) c/o Summer Internship. Priority will be given to those that display exemplary work ethic, aptitude and passion for the people and task in their area of experience. For more information, check out our Summer Intern Information Flyer.



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## Internship and Practicum Program



*South Abbotsford Church desires to build into the new wave of pastors and ministry leaders by providing opportunities to grow and develop in a ministry setting under the mentorship of our pastoral team. We believe that through a variety of hands-on experiences, mentorship, practical applications and teaching, practicum students and Interns will get a holistic approach to church leadership, stretching their understanding of how to lead by example, communicate theologically-infused truths, and journey with individuals.*