



DEVELOP • ASPIRE • IMPACT



*“Develop Christ-centered students
who *aspire* to excellence
and *impact* their communities for Him.”*



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What Are the NVCA High School Academies?

Personalized Learning


Serving as a “school within a school,” the NVCA High School Academies offer personalized learning opportunities through a variety of focused academic and/or career concentrations.

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Opportunities

NVCA High School Academies provide:

- increased options for educational achievement and success;
 - in-depth learning opportunities in a specific area of strength, interest, and passion;
 - a rigor of academic requirements to challenge and strengthen students;
 - a balanced approach to high school learning encompassing specific guidelines, parameters, expectations; and
 - student ownership and personal satisfaction.
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What Are the Benefits?

Attending an NVCA High School Academy with opportunity to obtain an endorsement prepares students for college and career by:

- increasing their interest and knowledge in a specific career pathway;
- announcing that the student has accomplished a well-rounded and rigorous program in a specific area of concentration; and
- serving as a unique academic distinction for their college resume and the competitive application process.

In addition to internships, collaborative experiences, and capstone project requirements, attending an NVCA High School Academy will:

- assist students with development and personal accountability; and
- strengthen students for a Christian life of service through vocation and societal leadership.





aspire...

A student with dark hair, wearing a dark blue polo shirt with the NVCA logo, is looking down at a stack of white papers. The background is blurred, showing other people in a classroom or office setting.

Selection Requirements

All freshmen students must select a minimum of one academy in their second semester.

Choose

In the second semester of their freshman year, students will have the opportunity to choose a minimum of one endorsement to pursue.



Complete

If a student chooses combined endorsements, they must complete all course requirements for each. However, they may choose only one of those endorsements for the life application requirements.

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The top section of the page features a collage of images. On the left, a young girl with a large, fluffy white wig and a green bow looks upwards. In the center, a young girl with a blue star-shaped headband smiles. To the right, a woman with long red hair and a blue flower headband is shown. A circular inset on the right shows a boy in a blue cap and black t-shirt operating a professional video camera on a tripod.

FINE ARTS ACAD

Purpose

The NVCA Fine Arts Academy promotes creativity and prepares students for undergraduate majors and careers in creative fields. This program is designed for students with a high level of interest in the visual and media arts or the performing arts arenas.

Students who thrive in this academy program demonstrate a strong creative commitment and seek to consistently improve their work.

Endorsement

Students will earn a Visual and Media Arts Endorsement or Performing Arts Endorsement upon successful completion of the Fine Arts Academy requirements. This endorsement will announce that the student has accomplished a well-rounded and rigorous program in the Visual and Media Arts Department or Performing Arts Department.

Students are welcome to participate in the program courses without seeking an endorsement.

EMY



*“Being part of the praise team
is an amazing opportunity at this school.
We learn how to play and sing and praise God while
we’re doing it. We get to perform for chapel, live.
I love that I get to praise the Lord
and use my gifts for Him!”*

—Savannah Thorndike—
Performing Arts/Praise Team Student





FINE ARTS ACADEMY Visual and Media Arts

This academy endorsement is for students pursuing a career as an artist, graphic designer, interior designer, art teacher, or textiles/goods designer or marketer.



Reach Your Goal

To prepare for a possible career in the visual and media arts field, students must complete all listed requirements.



Completion Requirements

1. **Minimum cumulative GPA for endorsement-specific courses:** 3.0.
2. **Endorsement-specific electives—2.0 credits in Visual Arts:** Art 1, Art 2, Ceramics, Ceramics 2, Graphics/Web Design, Yearbook, and related DE or WestMec courses.
3. **Senior Capstone:** Students must complete an internship of approximately 25 hours, usually during the summer between junior and senior years.
4. **Participate in Senior Gala Art Showcase (second semester):** Collaborate with other endorsement advisors to create and produce at the Art Gala. This is a culminating showcase featuring all Arts endorsement seniors, including capstone presentations.





FINE ARTS ACADEMY Performing Arts

This endorsement is for students pursuing a career as an actor, dancer, or Performing Arts teacher.

Pursue Your Dreams

To prepare for a possible career in the performing arts field, students must complete all listed requirements.



“The NVCA Fine Arts Department is exquisite and has pushed me further in my craft than I could’ve ever anticipated.”

—Jack Ratay—
Performing Arts Student



Completion Requirements

1. **Minimum cumulative GPA for endorsement-specific courses:** 3.0.
2. **Endorsement-specific electives—2.0 credits in Performing Arts:** Theatre, Dance, Voice/Band, and related DE or WestMec courses.
3. **Senior Capstone:** Students must complete an internship of approximately 25 hours, usually during the summer between junior and senior years.
4. **Participate in the Senior Recital and Showcase (second semester):** Collaborate with other endorsement advisors to create, produce, and/or perform in a final recital. This is a culminating showcase featuring all Fine Arts endorsement seniors.





STEM ACADEMY

Purpose

The STEM endorsement is designed to offer students the opportunities and motivation to best use their God-given talents in the technology, science, and math arenas. A North Valley Christian Academy STEM endorsement will inspire and prepare students for majors and careers in STEM-related fields.

Endorsement

Students will earn a STEM endorsement upon successful completion of the STEM Academy requirements. A STEM endorsement will announce that the student has accomplished a well-rounded and rigorous program in the math and science departments and has completed a STEM internship.



“NVCA Academies provide hands-on classes and opportunities that are helping me feel fully equipped to graduate and further my education.”

—Betty Goold—
STEM Student



Completion Requirements

1. **Minimum cumulative GPA for endorsement-specific courses:** 3.0.
2. **Endorsement-specific core classes:** Four years of Science, including Chemistry and Physics.
3. **Endorsement-specific electives—complete 1.5 credits in STEM:** STEM Lab, Robotics, and related DE or WestMec courses.
4. **Senior Capstone:** Students must complete an internship of approximately 25 hours, usually during the summer between junior and senior years.
5. **Participate in one:** STEM competition or STEM showcase.

Career Track

Engineer, IT, computer scientist, information systems developer or analyst, architect

BUSINESS ACADEMY

Purpose

The Business Academy offers students opportunities and motivation to best use their God-given talents in the business arena. A business endorsement prepares students with values and skills to be effective Christian leaders in the business world.

Endorsement

Students will earn a business endorsement upon successful completion of the academy requirements. A business endorsement will announce that the student has accomplished a well-rounded and rigorous program in the vocational departments and has completed an business internship.



“The Sports Management course gave us the opportunity to learn different aspects of the business end of the sports industry.”

—Cameron Rice—

EMY



Completion Requirements

1. **Minimum cumulative GPA for endorsement-specific courses:** 3.0.
2. **Endorsement-specific required elective:** Business 101 (semester).
3. **Endorsement-specific electives—2.0 credits in Business:** Ethics, Servant Leadership, Marketing, Graphic/Web Design, Yearbook, or DE or WestMec related courses.
4. **Create and run a business for at least one year:** As part of Business 101, students will create and run a business for a minimum duration of a calendar year.
5. **Senior Capstone:** Students must complete an internship of approximately 25 hours, usually during the summer between junior and senior years.

Career Track

Business owner, business professional (HR, marketing, sales, service, etc.), financial advisor, realtor, investor, broker

MINISTRY AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACADEMY

Purpose

The Ministry and Public Service Academy exists to encourage and support students through mentorship in their faith, life, and vocations. This endorsement program will enable students to explore and discover their giftedness and calling to ministry and/or public service.

Endorsement

Students will earn a Ministry and Public Service Endorsement upon successful completion of the Ministry and Public Service program requirements. This endorsement will announce that the student has completed additional training with a specialized focus toward their giftings, passions, and calling.



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Completion Requirements Public Service—Education Endorsement

1. **Minimum cumulative GPA for endorsement-specific courses:** 3.0.
2. **Endorsement-specific electives—2.0 credits in:** Ethics, Servant Leadership, Psychology, Early Childhood Education, or other DE or WestMec related courses.
3. **Senior Capstone:** Students must complete an internship of approximately 25 hours. Students will teach a lesson as part of their Senior Capstone to a selected audience.

Career Track

Teacher, counselor, pastor,
social worker

PUBLIC SERVICE

Completion Requirements Public Service—Health Care/First Responder Endorsement

1. **Minimum cumulative GPA for endorsement-specific courses:** 3.0.
2. **Endorsement-specific core classes required:** four years of Science (Biology, Chemistry, A&P 1 and 2).
3. **Endorsement-specific electives—1.5 credits in:** Ethics, Servant Leadership, Psychology, or DE or WestMec related courses.
4. **Participate in one health care related field trip:** (GCU cadaver lab, brain bank, etc.).
5. **Senior Capstone:** Students are required to complete an internship of approximately 25 hours, usually during the summer between junior and senior years.

Career Track

Physician, registered nurse,
pharmacist, firefighter, police officer

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Completion Requirements Public Service—Ministry Endorsement

1. **Minimum cumulative GPA for endorsement-specific courses:** 3.0.
2. **Endorsement-specific electives—choose 1.5 credits in:** Ethics, Servant Leadership, Psychology, Elementary Education, Bible, or DE courses.
3. **Volunteer at local church or para-church ministry for a minimum of one year:**
Volunteer in two different areas of the church or para-church ministry (youth, worship, finance, community, marketing, production, etc.).
4. **Participate in one of the following each year:** Worship band or share school devotions (two times).
5. **Participate in one overnight missions trip with:** NVCA or a local church.
6. **Senior Capstone:** Students must complete an internship of approximately 25 hours, usually during the summer between junior and senior years.

Career Track

Pastor, church worker, missionary,
non-profit ministry worker, teacher

You Have Options

Dual Endorsements

Is it possible to get an academy endorsement in more than one area?

Yes, students may select two academy endorsements to pursue. Students must meet the requirements for each endorsement. However, they will be required to complete only one capstone project/presentation.

Please reach out to the academics advisor for further information about endorsement selections or for answers to any questions.



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