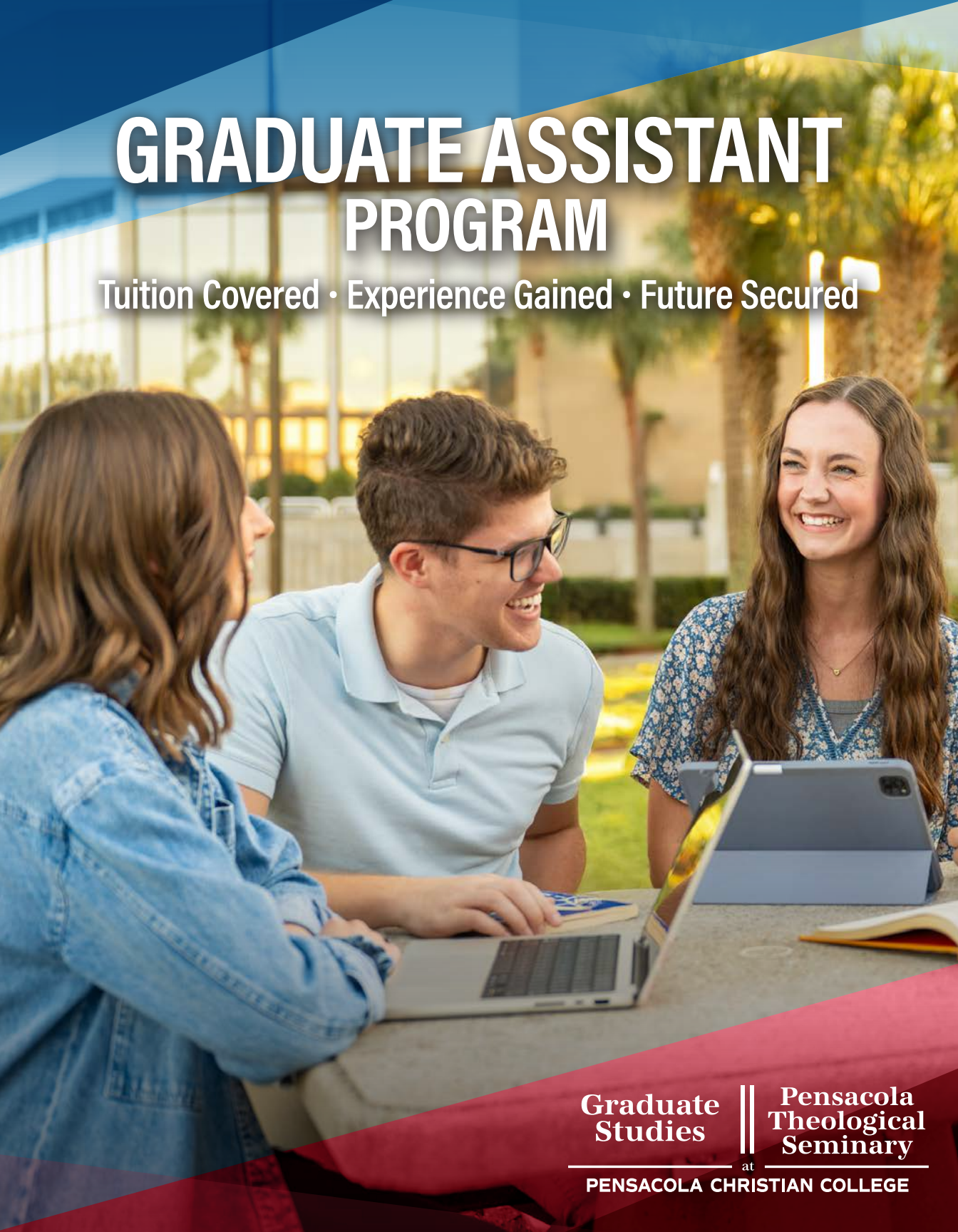
GRADUATE ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Tuition Covered • Experience Gained • Future Secured



Graduate Studies at Pensacola Theological Seminary

PENSACOLA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A GRADUATE ASSISTANT?

With the **Graduate Assistant (GA) Program**, you'll be working at PCC and earning your degree without a single tuition bill! You'll live on campus, only a short walk away from work and classes, so your housing and transportation costs are incredibly low.

What's not to love?

Normally, when you hear people talk about their experience getting an advanced degree, they've had to weigh the benefits of a quality education against the grim reality of student loan debt.

But the GA Program offers you:

- *A tuition-free graduate degree*
- *Leadership opportunities*
- *Transferable professional skills*

While your peers are getting tuition bills, you'll be getting paychecks!

GRADUATE *WITH* MONEY IN YOUR POCKET!

When you've signed a contract to be a GA, you won't pay tuition, but you will get paid for your hard work!

Scholarship: 100% of your tuition is paid for!

Room and Board: As part of your benefit, you'll get housing and meals at a reduced cost.

Pay: Your on-campus job will pay $15 per hour. Since your scholarship has already paid your tuition, that money goes straight to you.

Average master's degree graduate who borrowed money for grad school in the United States:



$53,920
IN STUDENT LOAN DEBT**

Average master's degree graduate from the PCC/PTS GA Program:

$0
IN STUDENT LOAN DEBT
+
$22,000
IN TAKE-HOME PAY



***Based on the latest data (2019–2020) from the National Center for Education Statistics*

SO WHAT *DO* I PAY FOR?

The GA scholarship covers your tuition, fees, and even most of your living cost—leaving you with minimal out-of-pocket costs. You'll just pay for a portion of your housing and meals.

Paycheck *Based on a 25-hour work week at $15 an hour**	**$1,500**
Taxes *Expected withholdings based on tax bracket*	**-$175.67**
Rent *For single GAs, housing will cost you only $160 per month.*	**-$160**
Food *You may eat all meals in the dining hall* free of charge. *Because employer-provided meals are taxable, aside from the Monday–Friday lunch, a small tax will be deducted from your pay stub.*	**-$59.25**
Monthly take-home pay	**$1,105.08**

**International students are limited to working 20 hours a week*



"When one of my teachers first recommended the GA Program, I thought it was too good to be true! Not only will I graduate debt-free, but I'll also have two years of real-world experience to bring into my career. Most companies are looking for candidates who are both educated and experienced—PCC equips you with both. Enrolling was a no-brainer.

The GA Program is the perfect bridge between college and your career. It gives you the chance to keep learning while also taking on real responsibilities that prepare you for the future. I have grown in ways I never expected, and those skills will carry directly into my career."

Bekah Maxwell
Business Administration, M.B.A.
Marketing Strategist

A CHANCE TO **LEAD AND SERVE**

You'll be assigned an on-campus job working 20–28 hours per week, depending on your academic program and citizenship status. Pay starts at $15 per hour during the semester.

Work positions are assigned based on current ministry needs, which may vary from semester to semester. You'll be able to grow into leadership roles and gain valuable transferable skills that will serve you in your future career.

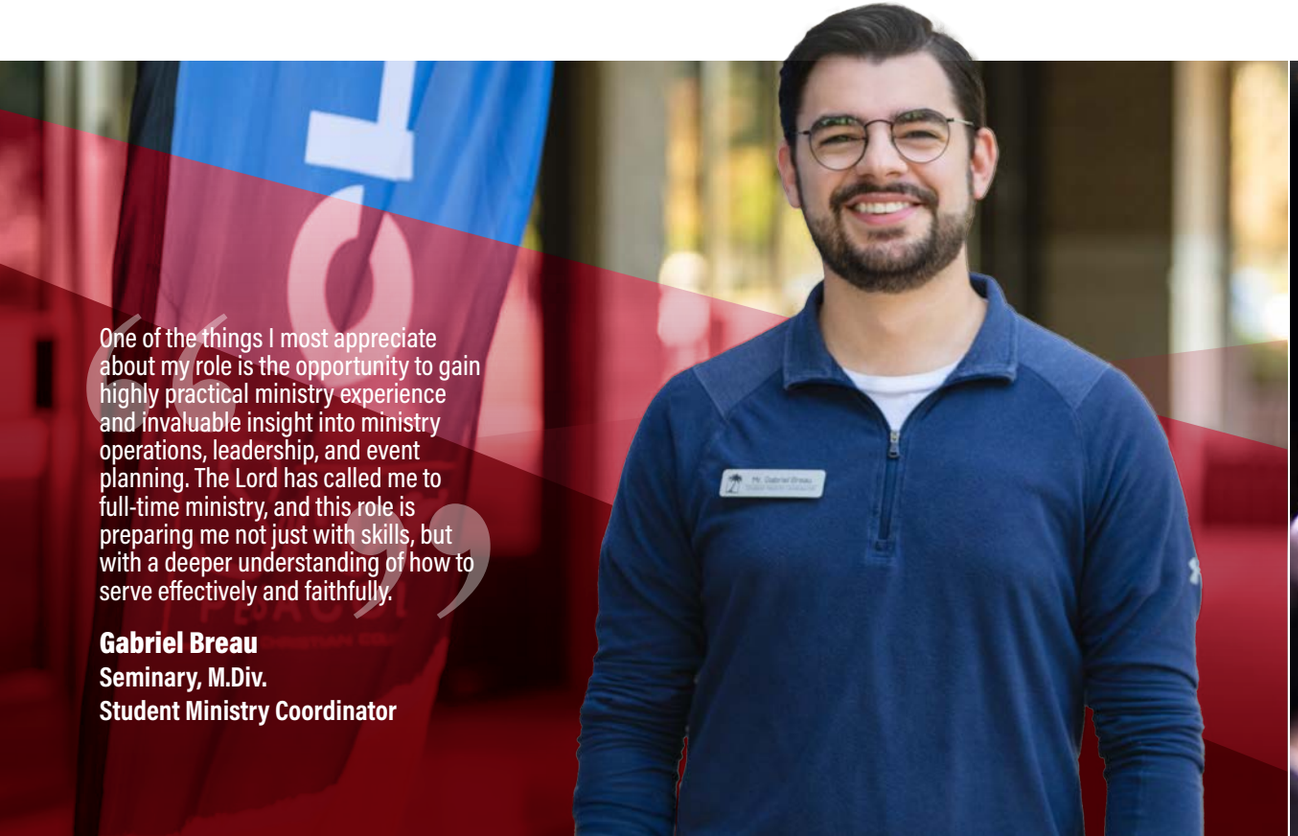
Depending on work demands, you may be placed in more than one work area.

Open positions include:

- Abeka Publishing
- Advertising
- Tutoring
- Facilities Management
- Security
- I.T. Services
- Student Activities
- Fitness and Recreation
- And many other areas

Because needs can change quickly, you will be informed of your job placement the week before the semester starts. The GA Coordinator will work with you to ensure your class and work schedule don't conflict.

During the summer, depending on your degree, you may have classes to attend. Between these sessions, you'll have the opportunity to work more hours if you'd like to increase your yearly earnings.



"One of the things I most appreciate about my role is the opportunity to gain highly practical ministry experience and invaluable insight into ministry operations, leadership, and event planning. The Lord has called me to full-time ministry, and this role is preparing me not just with skills, but with a deeper understanding of how to serve effectively and faithfully."

Gabriel Breau
Seminary, M.Div.
Student Ministry Coordinator

TRAIN FOR YOUR FUTURE

Being a GA doesn't mean your degree takes longer: you'll be able to take your classes at the same time as any other grad student. Take a look at our graduate and seminary offerings:

Graduate Studies

- Business Administration, M.B.A.
- Curriculum and Instruction, Ed.S.
- Curriculum and Instruction, M.S.
- Dramatics, M.F.A.
- Educational Leadership, Ed.S.
- Educational Leadership, M.S.
- Graphic Design, M.F.A.
- Graphic Design, M.A.
- Music, M.A.
- Nursing, M.S.N.
- Studio Art, M.F.A.
- Studio Art, M.A.

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- Bible Exposition, M.A.
- Biblical Languages, M.A.
- Ministry, M.A.
- Church Music, M.C.M.
- Divinity, M.Div.

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A limited number of doctoral graduate assistantships may also be available.
Contact the Seminary-Graduate Studies Office at PTS-Grad@pcci.edu or 850-478-8496, ext. 5241, for details.



WHERE WILL I LIVE?

On-campus housing puts you only a quick walk away from work and classes. Single GAs pay $160 in monthly rent—including laundry, utilities, and furnishings! Additionally, within the months of your contract, your housing is free for June and July!

Because of limited availability, married GAs should contact the Housing Coordinator at HousingCoordinator@pcci.edu for placement. For married couples with children, married couples with one undergraduate spouse, or married couples with a spouse who works outside the ministry, housing is unavailable on campus.

Comfortably walk to your job and classes without needing to worry about vehicle maintenance or gas prices. You'll be getting a master's degree without worrying about housing.



"Living on campus is incredibly convenient. I can walk to work and classes, so I never have to worry about commute times or extra costs like gas. Having meals provided is really nice because it gives me the option to quickly grab something to eat when I don't have time to make my own food.

My job is stretching me and helping me develop new skills. Social media is such a relevant and in-demand field, so gaining hands-on experience in both design and digital marketing has broadened my opportunities for the future and given me a stronger foundation for life after grad school."

Julianna Brumbaugh
Graphic Design, M.A.
Social Media Coordinator

LIFE AS A GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Generally, you will begin your contract in August, about two weeks before the start of the semester, so you can attend the opening All-Personnel Meeting. If it fits better into your schedule, you can also begin in January. You'll attend Campus Church and split your weekdays between work and classes. If you're a seminary student completing an approved internship, you'll be serving at a local church in the area.

As a GA, you'll stay on track to complete your degree, like any other graduate student. You'll take two or three classes every semester and work 20–28 hours per week, allowing you to get homework done and enjoy your free time!

You will be categorized as a 10-month employee and receive a 2-week unpaid vacation between semesters at Christmas, generally starting the week before Christmas and ending the day after New Year's Day.

Summers are nothing short of incredible! With the exception of the M.A. in Graphic Design and M.A. in Studio Art, all degree programs include one to four fast-paced, 9-day summer classes—and the rest of the season is truly yours to enjoy. When you're not in class, your schedule opens up completely. Want to stay on campus rent-free and earn extra money? Go for it. Prefer to head home and recharge? That's totally your choice. Summer is your time—flexible, free, and full of opportunity!



WHAT'S NEXT?

TWO-STEP APPLICATION:

Step 1. Apply for your graduate or seminary degree for **FREE** with promo code **GRADASSIST** at pcci.edu/grad/graduate-assistant.aspx.

On your application, check the box to indicate that you are interested in the GA program.

Step 2. After you've applied for your degree, follow the widget on your applicant portal to apply for a GA position.

Apply before **July 10** to register for the fall semester, and **December 1** for the spring semester.

ANY FINAL QUESTIONS?

We'd love to help you.
Reach out to the Graduate Admissions Counselor at admissions@pcci.edu.

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