Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission

The mission of Northwest Nazarene University is the transformation of the whole person. Centered in Jesus Christ, the NNU education instills habits of heart, soul, mind and strength to enable each student to become God's creative and redemptive agent in the world.

Context for Mission

Founded in 1913, NNU is a Christian university of the liberal arts, professional programs, and graduate studies. The University is grounded in the Wesleyan-Arminian tradition and is in partnership with the Church of the Nazarene, which emphasizes the biblical doctrines of perfect love and Christian holiness.

Vision

Northwest Nazarene University strives to be a vibrant educational community that integrates and reflects Christian faith in all that it does. The University seeks to provide nationally-recognized programs distinguished by graduates who are academically prepared, spiritually grounded, service-minded, globally engaged, and vocationally successful.

Values

Transformation

We believe education fosters transformation. NNU engages and affects all domains of life: intellectual, social, physical and spiritual; thereby advancing the transformation of the individual, the church and the world.

Truth

We believe education pursues truth. NNU explores knowledge, the wonder of God's creative activity, the story of human civilization and the achievements in the arts, sciences and professions. Ultimately, we believe Jesus is the truth incarnate; therefore, we pursue Christ.

Community

We believe education flourishes in community. NNU provides a learning and faith community that teaches, challenges and encourages each other through intellectual and spiritual practices. Within covenantal relationships we express our love for God and others.

Service

We believe education cultivates service. NNU teaches the importance of a life of servanthood as modeled by Jesus Christ. We learn to lead by giving of ourselves to God and humankind.