

SEU NETWORK

How-To

DISCUSSING YOUR SITE
WITH PARENTS

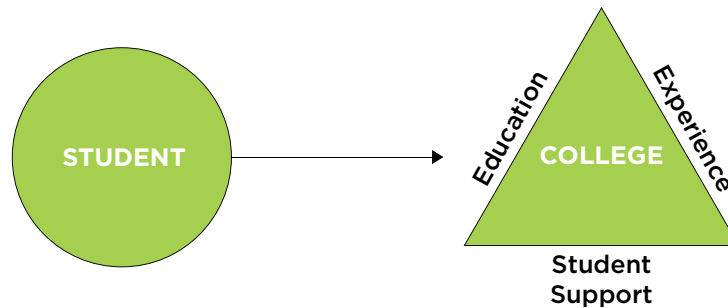


Comparing College Models

You know that the SEU Network Model is full of benefits to your students, but since the format isn't familiar to many parents, they may need more details to fully understand why they should consider your site's program.

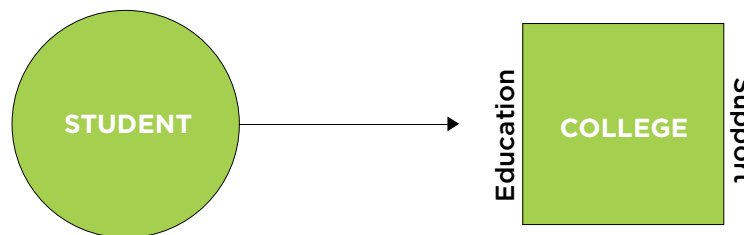
Let's have a look at the college models prospective students may be considering.

Traditional Model



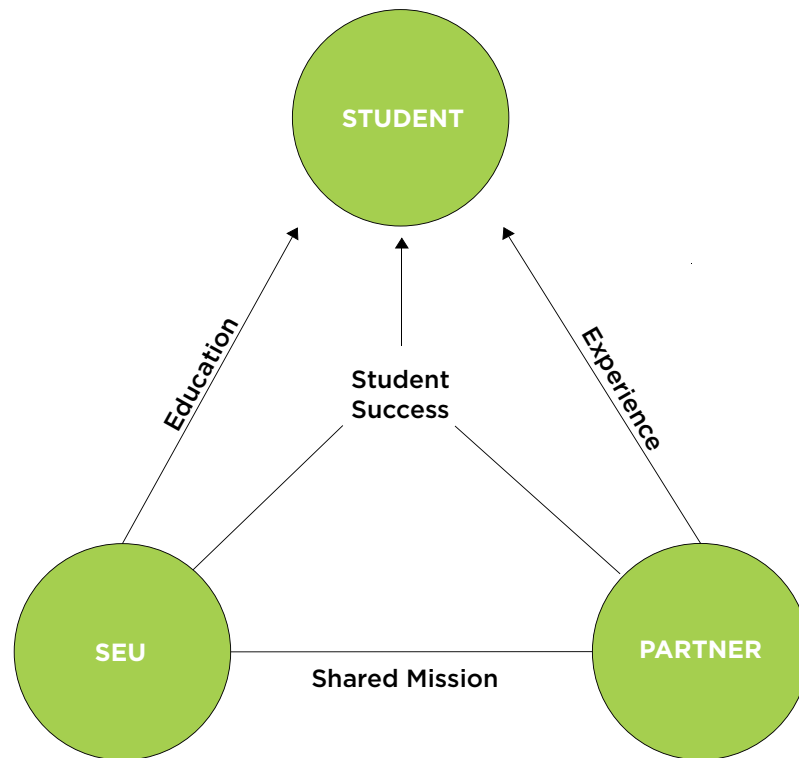
The traditional college model is the most familiar option. Primarily found at large public, private, and community colleges, students typically live on (or near) campus. Their experience centers around the academic, extracurricular, and support offerings of that college. *The main campus of SEU offers this model.*

Online Model



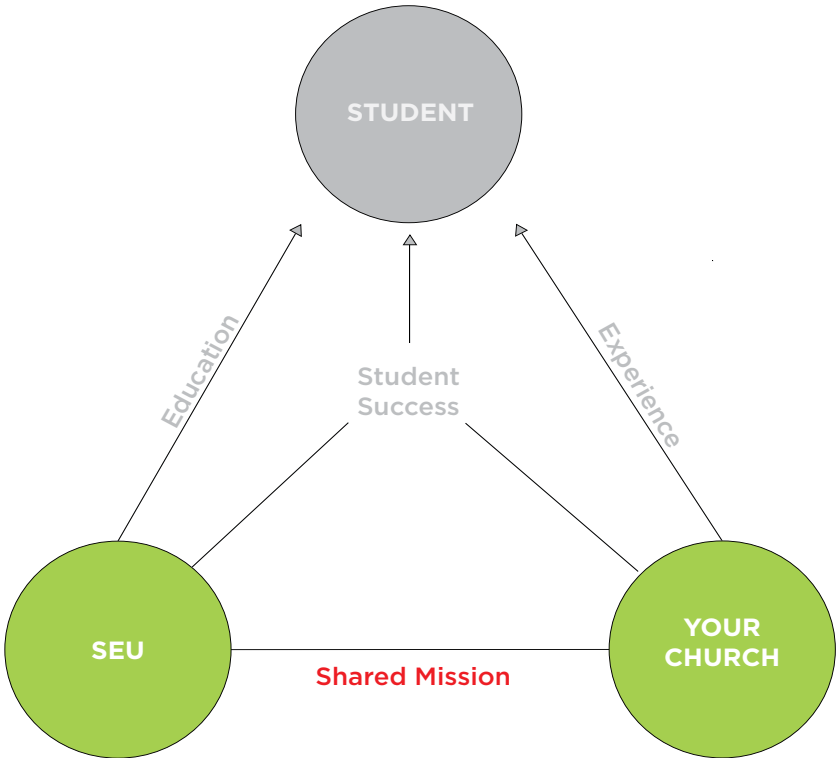
The online college model is the most flexible approach, and is a path often chosen by part-time students and working adults. This model focuses the college experience directly on education, with the college offering student support primarily via online methods. *SEU offers some degrees fully online with this model.*

Collaborative Model



The SEU Network (partner site model) experience is built on the collaborative college model. This format redefines the college experience by strategically combining the elements of both the traditional and online models. Students receive a quality college education, have life-changing experiences, and benefit from a cooperative focus on student success. Students benefit from the intimacy of a small campus, enhanced resources, one-on-one support, and an intentional learning community with individual mentorship. This results in a personalized approach, a strong sense of community, and cost savings.

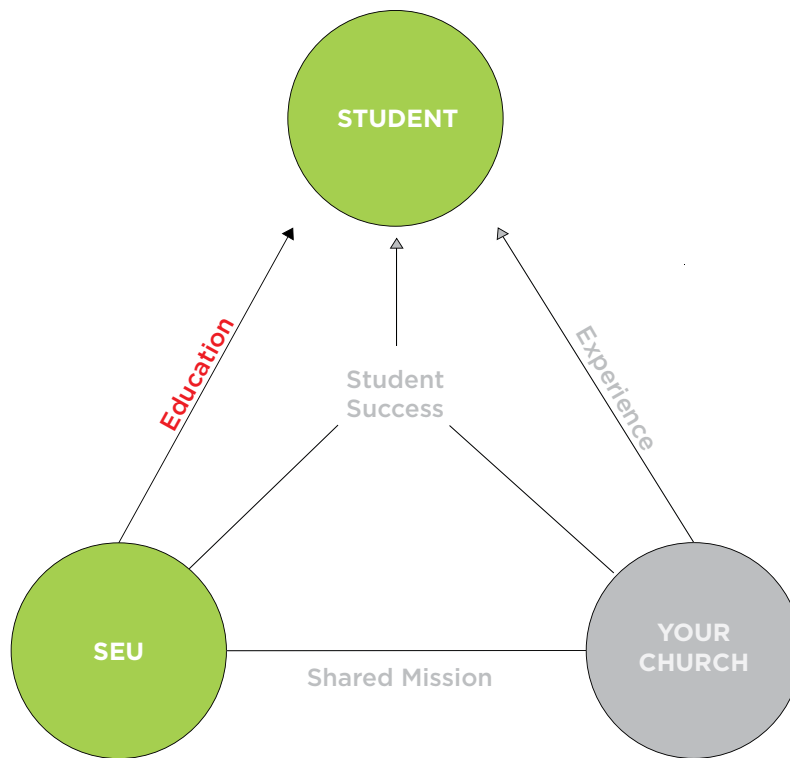
Shared Mission



SEU and the partners of the SEU Network share a mission of inspiring students to stand out from the crowd as leaders with clear vision and strong faith.

Our goals are to make a difference in the next generation, to lead young people to discover their God-given purpose, and to see them grow in their faith. We share a passion for producing people of character who will not only impact their families, workplaces and communities, but who will truly affect positive change in the world. These create the foundation of a three-part college experience: Education, Experience, and Student Success.

Education



A faith-filled education from a top-tier university that offers flexible, career-driven degree programs.

Southeastern University provides the education that prepares students with the academic and professional knowledge they need – all taught from a Christian worldview. The educational element of the experience at your church has three distinguishing characteristics.

- 1. Practical.** One of the key elements of the educational experience is the opportunity for all students to participate in practicum (the hands-on experiential learning component), which takes place within the church or in the community.
- 2. Flexible.** To allow students to engage in the practical learning experiences and take ownership of their learning schedule, classes are delivered with maximum flexibility in an interactive online format, and opportunities for students to study together and support one another through their classes are provided within your church.
- 3. Personal.** All degree programs include strong foundational courses as well as the opportunity to add specializations, minors, and certificates – resulting in a more personalized, industry-aligned degree program.

The outcome of this model is a competitive advantage in the workforce, as students enter their chosen field with a degree and practical work experience.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does this program provide a high-quality college education?

Yes! Students earn their degree through Southeastern University, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) – the most rigorous level of higher education accreditation. This is the same level of accreditation provided by state universities, community colleges, and other private institutions nationwide. Students and parents can visit your website for your most current list of available degree programs.

Will credits transfer?

Since SEU is accredited, credits earned at your site can be transferred to other colleges. Likewise, most credits earned at other colleges can also be transferred into SEU.

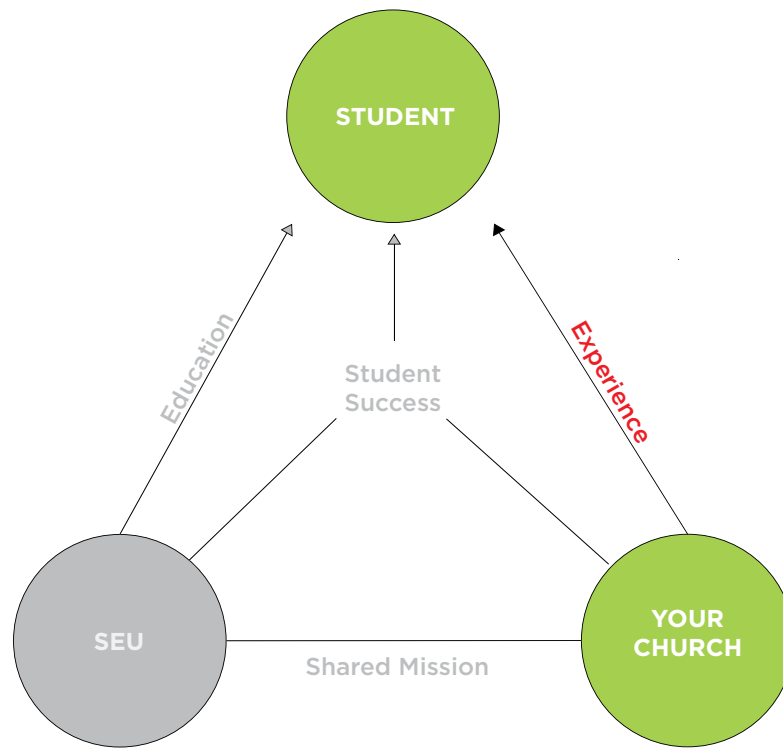
Who will teach my student?

SEU's faculty members – who are Christians and industry experts – teach from a Christian worldview as they encourage, challenge, and pray for students. Our faculty are dedicated to helping guide students in their spiritual walk by connecting academic concepts with biblical truth.

Will students be prepared for a career?

Yes. In fact, graduates of this program are often even more prepared for career transition than students pursuing their degree elsewhere. The practical, hands-on experience infused into the learning experience is a key differentiator of this educational model. It's this differentiator that positions students at the front of the line because they graduate with a degree and real experience in their field.

Experience



Christ-centered student life in an environment of encouragement, mentorship, accountability, inspiration, and intentional character development.


College is more than earning a degree. Learning and personal growth also happen beyond the classroom, and the experience at your site is built on the development of each student's leadership, spiritual life, social life, and character.

Leadership: The world needs strong Christian leaders, and leadership develops best in smaller, more personal environments. At your site, each student has an opportunity to lead in areas such as campus activities, chapels, missions, and service projects.

Spiritual: By connecting education to biblical truth, the student experience at your site guides students in their spiritual walk, strengthens their faith, and reinforces their Christian values. This is especially important to note, as it is estimated that up to 75 percent of students who attend public institutions do not continue their faith journey through their college years.

Social: It's easier to just blend in or "hide" in large groups, so making real friends actually tends to be tougher at bigger colleges. The collaborative college model puts students together in smaller settings, designed to foster connections and healthy interpersonal relationships.

Character: Inherent in all elements of the student experience is the molding of each student's character through the development of integrity, confidence, perseverance — preparing them to thrive.



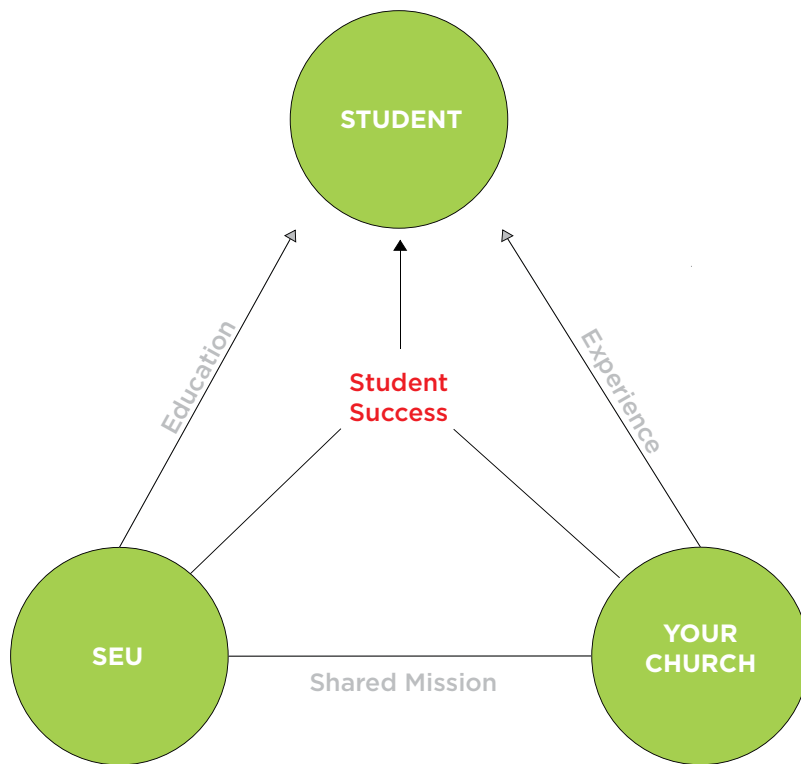
Fitting the Pieces Together

Each week is carefully structured around students' class schedule in a way that incorporates the entire student experience. Although it may vary from week to week, here is a sample snapshot of what a week in the life of a student may look like.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Chapel 1 hour	Leadership Development with Pastor or Guest 1 hour	Practicum 2-3 hours	Morning Small Group 2 hours	Free Day for home, work, job, etc.	Community Outreach (monthly) 2 hours	Serve at Sunday Service (included in practicum) 2 hours
Practicum 2-3 hours	Practicum 2-3 hours	Serve at evening youth service 2 hours	SEU Classes 1.5 hours			
Study Hall 3 hours	SEU Classes 1.5 hours					

Students may also have opportunities to participate in mission trips, service projects, and community outreach with your church team. They can even take advantage of SEU Study Abroad experiences!

Student Success



Collaborative efforts between the church and university to help students thrive throughout their college journey — from admission to graduation and beyond.

Navigating college requires guidance, and SEU and our partner sites work in tandem to help students throughout this journey — application, finances, class registration, and ultimately graduation. The support we provide is as individualized as each student, and includes services in multiple areas.

Students at all SEU Network locations are SEU students, so the SEU team oversees all of the administrative steps. Your site serves as the personal point of contact for assistance with questions and encouragement throughout the journey.

Here's how it works...

Admission: Students receive regular communication along the way to ensure they are able to complete the application process like a pro.

Financial Aid: The SEU Student Financial Services team provides guidance and ensures students have access to all applicable financial aid resources.

Academic Advising: SEU's Academic Advising team helps students select and register for classes and stay on track for graduation.

Tutoring: All students have free, direct access to virtual tutoring through the SEU Academic Center for Enrichment (ACE) and the SmartThinking Tutoring service.

Library Resources: Unlimited access to the Steelman Library resources is available to every student.

Virtual Counseling Services: Mental health support is an important resource, so students have 24/7 online access to free mental health counseling.

ADA Services: Our Office of Academic & Auxiliary Services coordinates accommodations for students with documented disabilities, helping us fulfill our commitment to being an accessible learning community.

Student Outreach & Support (SOS): Everyone needs help at some point, and the SEU Student Outreach and Support team works to ensure every student is safe, supported, and successful.






Career Services: All students have full access to the resources available through the SEU Career Services office, including internship and job search assistance.

College Model Comparison

Traditional Public	Online	SEU at CHURCH
✓ Accreditation	✓ Accreditation	✓ Accreditation
≈ Experiential Learning	✗ Experiential Learning	✓ Experiential Learning
✗ Flexible	✓ Flexible	✓ Flexible
≈ Affordable	✓ Affordable	✓ Affordable
≈ Leadership Development	✗ Leadership Development	✓ Leadership Development
✗ Spiritual Development	✗ Spiritual Development	✓ Spiritual Development
✓ Social Activities	✗ Social Activities	✓ Social Activities
✗ Character Development	✗ Character Development	✓ Character Development
≈ Sense of Belonging	✗ Sense of Belonging	✓ Sense of Belonging
✓ Admission Assistance	✓ Admission Assistance	✓ Admission Assistance
✓ Financial Aid	✓ Financial Aid	✓ Financial Aid
✓ Academic Advising	✓ Academic Advising	✓ Academic Advising
✓ Tutoring Services	≈ Tutoring Services	✓ Tutoring Services
✓ Library Resources	✓ Library Resources	✓ Library Resources
✓ Counseling Services	✗ Counseling Services	✓ Counseling Services
✓ Career Services	≈ Career Services	✓ Career Services
✗ Christian Worldview	✗ Christian Worldview	✓ Christian Worldview
✗ Faith-Filled Courses	✗ Faith-Filled Courses	✓ Faith-Filled Courses
✗ Christ-Centered Faculty	✗ Christ-Centered Faculty	✓ Christ-Centered Faculty
✗ Christian Mentorship	✗ Christian Mentorship	✓ Christian Mentorship

✓ YES
 ≈ SOMETIMES
 ✗ NO

Overview of Program Highlights

-  Education built on a Christian worldview
-  Spiritual formation experiences
-  Leadership development opportunities
-  Spaces to foster lifelong friendships
-  Affordable tuition

Quick Links

Application | [SEU.edu/apply](https://seu.edu/apply)

Admission | [SEU.edu/admission](https://seu.edu/admission)

Financial Aid | [SEU.edu/financial](https://seu.edu/financial)

Student Support | [SEU.edu/studentsuccess](https://seu.edu/studentsuccess)





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