

# Mission Statement and Goals

## ***Mission:***

Newberry College prepares students in the Lutheran liberal arts tradition through its supportive academic community for lifelong intellectual and personal development, meaningful vocation, and engaged citizenship in the global society.

## ***Goals:***

### Intellectual Development

Students will acquire, develop, and demonstrate:

- knowledge of the arts, sciences, and humanities as ways of understanding the world and our place in it.
- effective oral and written communication skills.
- critical thinking and quantitative analytical skills necessary for interpreting information and solving problems in a 21<sup>st</sup> century global society.
- proficiency in information literacy.

### Personal Development

Students will acquire, develop, and demonstrate:

- the ability to work with others as leaders or as members of a team to accomplish common goals in a diverse society.
- an understanding of the heritage of the Christian faith and its contribution to humane problem solving in the evolving global community.
- moral reasoning skills essential for making life choices that balance personal freedoms and societal responsibilities.
- the knowledge, attitudes, and habits that contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

### Meaningful Vocation

Students will acquire, develop, and demonstrate:

- knowledge of the history, methods of inquiry, and current intellectual claims of a chosen specific discipline or interdisciplinary area of study.
- knowledge and skills that foster life-long personal growth and professional development in their vocational pursuits.

### Engaged Citizenship in a Global Society

Students will acquire, develop, and demonstrate:

- the values necessary for effective citizenship.
- the skills and historical knowledge to think critically about complex national and global issues.
- the qualities of personal and social responsibility necessary to sustain and deepen democracy.