



TRAINING HEALTH EDUCATORS WITH  
EVANGELISM LIFESTYLE & LEADERSHIP

# STUDENT HANDBOOK

“COME,  
QUENCH YOUR  
THIRST”

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We, the faculty and staff of Eden Valley Institute, sincerely hope you benefit immensely from your educational experience here with us. Our purpose is not only to teach, but to nourish your personal growth. We encourage you to form trustworthy and sincere friendships with others and with God, and in so doing, develop a Christ-like character. It is a privilege to assist you in these areas because,

*True education means more than the pursuit of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come. (Ed 13)*

Eden Valley Institute is a ministry run by volunteer Seventh-day Adventist laymen, working with and supporting the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is located in a quiet valley in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, with 550 acres of forested mountains, meadows, and farmland. It is known throughout the area for its agricultural program. Eden Valley was established in 1962 as a non-profit corporation to train for and promote mission work. That continues to be the primary focus today. Eden Valley has started and continues to support a number of mission stations worldwide. Eden Valley Institute does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, or gender in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, or any other activity and program. Visitors are always welcome.

## **Our purpose and Courses**

Eden Valley's primary purpose is to educate students in soul winning through a short, Bible-based, practical training in evangelism, agriculture, and medical missionary work. Our highest desire is for the students to both receive instruction that will enable them to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and have the tools to actively serve Him.

*Workers-gospel medical missionaries-are needed now. You cannot afford to spend years in preparation. Soon doors now open to the truth will be forever closed. (9T 172)*

*We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. (7T 62)*

The The Well is a work study program in which the student receives classroom instruction in Bible doctrines, soul winning, lifestyle principles, medical evangelism, health, agriculture, and practical skills. Students are also involved in the community giving Bible studies and will be involved in public seminars. Students also assist in a variety of campus job stations, thus gaining valuable experience in practical skills.

There will be a certificate awarded during a commissioning service to those students who pass and complete the entire World Missions Course. The purpose of the simple ceremony is to glorify God and to commission the students to further service in the Lord's work.

Those interested in missions who have finished high school level training, or who have equivalent life training, are welcome to apply.

## **Typical Classes and Learning Experiences**

### *Bible*

**Sacred History:** Exodus to Advent - Investigates the parallels between the pilgrimage of ancient Israel from Egypt to Canaan and our pilgrimage to Heaven.

**Daniel and the Revelation** - Looks at the past, present, and future fulfillment of these Bible prophecies.

**Prodigal Son** - Gives a deeper understanding to righteousness by faith.

**Prophetic Guidance** - Shows the biblical foundation for the gift of prophecy in the remnant church.

**Sanctuary** - Focuses on one of the more crucial Bible teachings for the last days: Jesus's ministry in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary and its relationship to our spiritual walk and victory.

**Ministry of Healing**- Focuses on the book by Ellen White on how to reach others and bring true healing to the heart and lives of others

**How to Study Your Bible**- Looks at the different methods of Bible study in order to enrich your experience and devotional life.

## *Health and Healing*

**Anatomy & Physiology**- Analyzes the basic structures and systems of the body and how they function together.

**Common Diseases**- Explains the signs and symptoms of major diseases and possible natural remedies for each.

**Hydrotherapy** - Teaches the theory behind and the practice of using water to promote health and healing.

**Massage** - Instructs the student in such methods as Swedish trigger-point and therapeutic stretching.

**Missions Medicine**- Surveys examination techniques for diagnosing and treating medical problems in an mission-field setting.

**Nutrition: Diets and Foods** - Explores the Edenic diet and its basic food groups.

**God's Healing Program**- a look at different systems of healing and what God intends for us to use to minister to others.

**Simple Remedies**- a look at the use of poultices, salves, and other practical treatments that can be done anywhere.

**Herbs**- study on the different herb classification, types, how to identify different herbs, and their uses for various diseases.

## *Life Principles*

**Christian Home** - Studies in depth the principles of both Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy that deal with courtship and preparation for marriage.

**True Education** - Looks at heaven's true principles of Christian education.

**Principles of Self-Supporting Work** - Covers the history and purpose of self-supporting work and its relationship to the world mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**How to solve problems**- Principles on how to resolve personal and public problems whether in the home, work, church, or community.

**Keys to success-** Biblical principles to excell in God's work and in life

**God's call for you-** Discover the enormous blessing it is to work for God and what it is he wants you to do.

**Entertainment-** Look at modern methods of entertainment and how they can interfere with our walk with God.

**Organic Agriculture** - Investigates resource stewardship, natural soil fertility, environmental considerations, growing systems, crops, harvesting and storage, and marketing.

**Work Ethics-** principles in how to work hard and smart. how to manage time wisely and avoid distraction.

**Accounting & Finance-** Principles of managing recources wisely whether in your personal life or in an intsitutional setting.

### *Soul Winning*

**Personal Evangelism-** An in depth look on how to secure Bible study interest, how to give an effective and life-changing Bible study, personal preparation, what to say and what not to say while going door-to-door, how to have a meaningful conversation with anybody, how to apply the word of God, how to make appeals and how to call for a decision. We will also cover various forms of personal evangelism such as Bible Work, Literature evangelism, and medical missionary work and how we can use these together to reach others

**Public Evangelism-** Study on how to plan, organize, finance, and execute powerful public seminars such as Prophecy seminars, Health lectures, Sermons, cooking schools, health expos, stop smoking programs, etc.

## **General principles and Information**

### *Basic Foundation*

Eden Valley Institute in all its branches seeks to build on the foundation of Scripture. Additionally, the Bible clearly reveals that the gift of prophecy will be active in the last-day church. Here at Eden Valley, Ellen G. White is not considered merely to be a Bible commentator, but also a prophet appointed by God to, with the Holy Scriptures, guide the

remnant church into the heavenly promised land. Therefore, following the guidelines of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy is the primary focus of Eden Valley.

The ultimate purpose of our whole school experience is to provide an atmosphere where each student can deepen their personal relationship with God through Christ Jesus. Students are encouraged to establish and maintain a personal, private devotional life. Our ability to work effectively in missions and to follow God's beautiful principles is built upon this constant, vibrant, and personal relationship with Christ.

Spiritual growth also involves fellowship and interaction with other Christians in many different areas of involvement such as: church services, morning worships, prayer meetings, Friday night vespers, etc.

### *Course Requirements*

In order to graduate from the World Missions Course, students must have a passing grade in all required classes and job stations. Each student is expected to meet all required hours of class and work. If unable to attend, advance notice is required. Five days of sick leave are allowed from work. Making appropriate arrangements for any missing class assignments, and work hours above allowed sick days, is essential. Initiative to do this is the responsibility of the student, and should be done as soon as possible.

### *Dormitory Living*

Single students will be housed in the men's and women's dormitories. All students should foster an attitude of respect for the privacy, personal feelings, and property of those who share their living quarters, including those in neighboring rooms or apartments. Whether occupying the mind with study or leisure activity, Eden Valley Institute urges students to follow the counsel of Philippians 4:8,

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things.

The mass media may especially provide distractions to the student and his purposes for being here. Because modern television programming is not conducive to academic, spiritual, or social growth, Eden Valley does not

allow TV sets or VCR's in student dormitory rooms, nor does it provide them in the residence halls. When using radios, personal computers, portable music players, books, or magazines, we expect students to select only that which clearly uplifts the human spirit.

Students are expected to be in the dormitories by 9:00p.m. Some exceptions will be made during evangelistic meetings, etc. Quiet time extends from 9:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Failure to comply with curfew requirements will result in disciplinary actions, since other students' rights must be protected.

Students are welcome to receive guests in the living room areas of the dormitories.with the deans' permission. Persons of the opposite sex are not to enter students' rooms. Arrangements must be made with the dormitory dean for guests who wish to stay overnight. All guests are expected to abide by the general campus policies.

### ***Drama***

God has revealed in His Word the deep value He places on the unique individuality of each person. Acting and drama often encourage a person to pretend to be someone they are not and thus distract from genuine personal identity and honest character expression. In addition, the unnatural influence and false excitement created by theatrical performances tends to undermine the objective of glorifying God in all activities. Because of the principles stated above, drama is not included in any of our worship services or outreach programs.

*Satan's ruling passion is to pervert the intellect and cause men to long for shows and theatrical performances. The experience and character of all who engage in this work will be in accordance with the food given to the mind.*

### ***Dress***

Students are asked to dress in a manner which reflects the sacred purposes of Christian education and which represents the larger mission of Eden Valley Institute. Both on campus and in the community, those associated with Eden Valley are expected to positively portray the principles of God's kingdom through courteous demeanor and a dignified, attractive personal appearance, enhancing the impact of our mission in every way possible.



**Women:**

Modest, clean, appropriate dresses or skirts must be worn to all meetings and work. Farm and Maintenance staff may wear modest pants. In order to point people to Jesus and not ourselves, we require women to avoid clothing that are tight, sheer, and/or with revealing necklines. Hemlines should cover the knees when standing or sitting.

**Men:**

Must wear modest shirts and pants appropriate to their assigned work. May wear modest shorts to the knee when engaged in recreational activities. Wearing of jewelry, including body piercings, is not permitted at any time.

### ***Laundry***

There is a washer and dryer in each of the dormitories for student use. Please do not use the laundry during quiet time (9:30 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.). Married students without laundry facilities may make arrangements with the Retirement Village or the dormitories to schedule a time to do laundry.

### ***Mission Service***

After completing the World Missions Course, it is our desire that students immediately apply what they have learned by going to a mission field, whether in America or in another country. We facilitate the placement of our graduates in active mission service, according to God's call and their abilities.

### ***Music***

Music is a very big part of life at Eden Valley. We recognize that students have varied tastes in music and come from different cultural backgrounds. However, at Eden Valley Institute, our standards of music parallel the standards specified in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. The music's rhythm and lyrics should represent the Christian perspective. Secular or gospel rock, jazz, rap, and blues are not acceptable.

### ***Public Worship***

All students will be involved in the spiritual life and mission of our local church as an ongoing preparation for mission experience. This is the environment in which spiritual gifts are discovered and exercised. Because of the rich blessings gained in spiritual

fellowship, attendance at morning worships, Wednesday morning prayer meeting, and Friday night vespers is required. Students are expected to be on time.

### ***Recreation***

Eden Valley promotes health-building and spiritually uplifting recreational events such as backpacking, camping, biking and hiking in God's beautiful creation. We believe that the principles of true recreation are accurately set forth in the following reference:

*Christians have many sources of happiness at their command, and they may tell with unerring accuracy what pleasures are lawful and right. They may enjoy such recreations as will not dissipate the mind or debase the soul, such as will not disappoint, and leave a sad after influence to destroy self-respect or bar the way to usefulness. If they can take Jesus with them, and maintain a prayerful spirit, they are perfectly safe, (ML 212)*

Because of the picture we find in Scripture of Jesus always lifting up those around Him, we take a position that competitive sports are not a constructive part of Christian recreation and interaction.

### ***Safety and Insurance***

From time to time the school will sponsor group activities that will be directed by certain rules and guidelines. These will be expressed at the beginning of the event and should be carefully followed for the safety and well-being of all. No health insurance is provided at this time. Students are responsible to make financial arrangements for their health needs. Limited accident insurance for accidents occurring on the Eden Valley campus is provided.

### ***Social Relations***

We believe that healthy social interaction is very essential to building a balanced Christian character. Therefore uplifting social events will be scheduled and encouraged. In this group setting it is also possible to build a variety of friendships that facilitate the building of personal values.

At Eden Valley World Missions Course the supreme objective is to prepare for missionary service. Therefore dating and courtships are not acceptable on or off campus during the

intensive six-month training.

The inspired counsel of the Lord gives us clear instruction on the principles of social relations while at school:

*We have labored hard to keep in check everything in the school like favoritism, attachments, and courting. We have told the students that we would not allow the first thread of this to be interwoven with their school work. On this point we are as firm as a rock. I told them they must dismiss all idea of forming attachments while at school. The young ladies must keep themselves to themselves, and the young gentlemen must do the same. (8MR 256)*

*While at school, students should not allow their minds to become confused by thoughts of courtship. They are there to gain a fitness to work for God, and this thought is ever to be uppermost. (CT 100)*

If you have any questions regarding these principles please contact us by phone or email *before* coming.

### ***Student Discipline***

To achieve its purpose as a Christian missions training center, Eden Valley Institute expects each student, as well as its faculty, to make a serious commitment to the biblical principles of conduct outlined in this handbook. If the student appears to be moving away from the goals and principles of Eden Valley Institute, an effort will be made to restore that student to a spirit of willing and intelligent harmony. This discipline process begins with personal consultation and prayer. Should this seem inadequate to accomplish needed change in a given amount of time, Eden Valley Institute may restrict the student's privileges, or even suspend him from school for a time. If a student is unresponsive to counselor discipline, or his influence seems seriously detrimental to other students, that student may be dismissed.

### ***Swimming***

Swimming of itself is a wholesome recreation. However, when members of both sexes swim together there is introduced an element of personal display. Mixed swimming tends to lower personal standards of decorum, making physical familiarity seem less objectionable. Therefore, mixed swimming is not an appropriate recreational activity.

### ***Telephone Calls***

You are welcome to bring a cell phone for personal use, otherwise a phone will be provided for use in the dormitory.

### ***Vacations***

The official holidays observed at Eden Valley are July 4th, Thanksgiving (fourth Thursday in November), Christmas (December 25), and New Year's Day (January 1). Due to emergencies or unusual situations, a student may need to take a special home leave at another time. A request to this effect should be directed by the student to the Education Department before arrangements are made.

### ***Volunteer Activities***

Students and staff participate in what is called "Sabbath Ministries." On a rotation basis, each takes an occasional turn fulfilling certain necessary duties at the Lifestyle Center over the Sabbath hours.

### ***What is Provided***

Bed

Desk

Dresser

Taking care of provided furnishings is necessary. Broken items must be paid for or repaired by the student or students involved.

### ***What to Bring***

Bedding (U.S. and Canadian students only)

Towels and washcloths

Warm clothing and cooler clothing for work and play

Personal care items

Alarm clock

Room decorations

Flashlight

Bible and devotional materials

Spirit of Prophecy books (*Conflict of the Ages* series, *Ministry of Healing*,



*Education, Steps to Christ, and others you may have available)*  
Concordance and dictionary (as you are able)

### ***Work Experience***

This vital part of missionary training includes approximately eight hours per week in an on-campus job station. Students are expected to meet all requirements and an evaluation will be made at the conclusion of each working month.

## **Important Phone Numbers**

Auto Shop .....	613-1216	Business Office .....	667-1770
Cafeteria .....	667-6911	Education Office .....	215-0223
Lifestyle Center .....	669-7730	President's Office .....	667-1770
VWomen's Dorm .....	613-1220		

## **Personnel**

### ***Teachers***

Matt Dooley  
Frank Fournier  
Leasa Hodges Leonard Smith  
Brent Waggoner Larry Imes  
Laura McKinley

### ***Administration***

Frank Fournier, President  
Leasa Hodges, Vice-  
President