



# Concordia Language Villages (CLV)

## Our Mission

Our mission is to inspire courageous global citizens.

*A courageous global citizen lives responsibly by*

- appreciating and seeking to understand diverse cultural perspectives;
- communicating with confidence and cultural sensitivity in multiple languages;
- respecting human dignity and cultivating compassion;
- engaging critically and creatively with issues that transcend boundaries; and
- advancing a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world for all.

## CLV 道, The CLVway

The CLVway of immersion brings our mission to life.



### 1. GRAND SIMULATION:

Participants become citizens of a Village. We intentionally construct a nurturing environment that evokes the look, feel, sounds and tastes of the lands where the target language is spoken.



### 2. COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING:

We are all about community. Our Village setting gives us exceptional opportunities to build a purposeful residential community in which villagers and staff from across the country and around the world engage in daily activities that facilitate natural use of language and greater cultural fluency.



### 3. LIVED LANGUAGE AND CULTURE:

Villagers learn by doing. They need and want to use the target language in a wide variety of culturally authentic activities and linguistically meaningful settings.



### 4. OUTDOOR LEARNING:

No learner should be left indoors. We embrace our natural setting in the Minnesota North Woods to strengthen our bonds with nature and to incorporate appropriate cultural perspectives and environmental practices into our learner-centered activities.