

## Purpose

A class with a community service learning component integrates community service in such a way as to enhance the learning goals of the class, provide useful service to the community, as well as a meaningful experience for the student.

## About Us

### ICCE's Community Service Learning Program focuses on

- Experiential learning by arranging for students to interact with diverse and often underserved people in a variety of workplace environments,
- Reflect on their community involvement, and
- Connect and integrate their experiences in the community with their classroom learning and their own lives.



*"We talk about lifelong learners, why not lifelong servers?"*

## Benefits

### Benefits from Community Service Learning

- Real service accomplished by enthusiastic and creative service learners.
- Strong partnerships with community organizations, schools and the college.
- Access to resources of education institutions.
- Input on how to target services to diverse cultures and their communities.
- Positive exposure in the community.
- Future lifelong volunteers and contributors.

### Benefits to Students

- Students will have knowledge, skills and practical experience.
- Opportunities to apply classroom learning in real-world settings.
- Exposure to career choices.
- On-the-job training.
- Friendships with staff, people served, and fellow service learners.
- An education that is in line with the home culture of many of our students.
- A chance to make a difference.

### Benefits to Community

- Motivated students.
- Expanded learning opportunities.
- Strong partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Access to community resources.
- Positive exposure in the community.

## How do students enroll in Community Service Learning?

### Two ways students can enroll

- Classes designated in the catalogue with an "S" include at least 12 hours of service as a mandatory part of the class.
- Additional service hours may be taken by enrolling in SOCS 80, LART 80, and ICS 80.



*"In a democratic society we must live cooperatively, and serve the community in which we live, to the best of our ability. For our own success to be real, it must contribute to the success of others"*

*First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt*

## Student Testimonials:

*"I think service is so important. It is an important faucet to pull people together. We all have special skills and gifts unique to us. Sharing those with community helps us all grow and make us diverse. It reminds us that there really is more joy in giving."*

- Community Service Learner

*"Service learning is important to me as a student because it provides opportunities like no other. As students, we are the future, and we need to help prepare for the future that we want to live in. Service learning is even better than volunteerism because, as students, we not only learn the importance of our community; we also become more engaged with the field of study we are interested in. Service learning promotes that volunteerism and learning together can be fun. I believe that more students should and need to have many service learning experiences."*

- Community Service Learner



*"The end of all education should surely be service to others"*

Cesar E. Chavez

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much extra time does a Community Service-Learning course take?

A: The amount of time and work is the same as a traditional class.

Q: Will I be able to fit it into my schedule?

A: Most programs are flexible and can accommodate a variety of schedules.

Q: What is the Reflection component of the course?

A: Reflection is the opportunity for a service-learner to connect the learning objectives of the course to the service. This includes writing in a journal, creating a portfolio and small and large group discussions.



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*"You must be the change you want to see in the world."*

-Mahatma Gandhi