

Community-Based Learning

Definition

Service-Learning connects students to meaningful community service with academic learning through guided reflection. This approach illustrates for students that community connection is an important outcome of higher education and preparation for future work/life endeavors as well as robust citizenship.

Experiential learning including internships and clinicals, provides students with direct experience in a work setting with coaching experiences by professionals in the field that augment and further develop student learning. This approach affords students a hands-on opportunity to pursue a career interest while still pursuing a degree.

Research

Service-learning benefits include **positive academic performance, increased sense of social responsibility, and mutually beneficial partnerships sharing knowledge, resources, and civic values.** (Bringle, Clayton, & Hatcher 2012, Felten & Clayton, 2011; Bringle & Hatcher, 2009)

GCC Teacher Education Program has an 85% completion rate. Upon reflection, the data reveals the **success of the relationships we have developed with local schools, which help to place students in a timely manner, allowing them to complete course requirements, and see the complexities of education that informs their career choice, and completion of state certification.** (GCC Institutional Effectiveness, 2019)

Examples



Volunteering at St. Mary's Food Bank



Alt Spring Break Service Day with sister colleges

Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon!

When? OCTOBER 23rd, 2010

What? A great opportunity to give back by painting a low-income family's home while receiving community service hours!

Time? 8:00 am to 5:30 pm
*Shorter shifts available upon request

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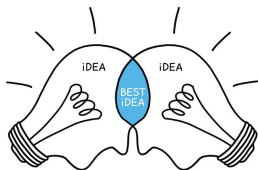
Saturday, October 23, 2010

Logos for various organizations: Rock & Roll, etc.

Lunch will be provided!

One day community service event

Implementation Ideas



- Dance
- Digital Cinema Arts
- Small Business

Please go home and think about how you can insert hands-on experiences into your courses to enrich and enhance student learning and community engagement.

Here are some ideas and resources from sister colleges and Campus Compact.org:

<https://www.estrellamountain.edu/students/service-learning/service-learning-ideas>

<https://www.mesacc.edu/community-civic-engagement/resources>

<https://compact.org/resources-for-faculty/>