

Service Learning is a non-paying job performed by someone or a group of people for the benefit of the public or its institutions. Community Service Learning provides relevant and meaningful service in the community.

Community partners must see that the service provided by students meets the immediate needs of those they serve or the long-term goals of the organization.

Faculty must see that the service provided by the students is meaningful and meets a need identified by the community as well as utilizes students in ways befitting their levels of knowledge and experience.

Students take what they learn in the classroom and apply that knowledge to real-world problems in their communities. Service learning enhances the learning experience by:

- teaching critical thinking skills to solve complex problems in the context of real-world situations
- encouraging civic responsibility and community action
- promoting cooperation and teamwork
- building character