

Clark College Service-Learning & Volunteer Programs

Enhancing learning ○ Supporting community ○ Fostering civic responsibility

Service-Learning Policies & Procedures

Integrating Service-Learning into Courses

Service-Learning at Clark College is defined by the following definition:

Service-learning is a method of education under which students learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized service experiences that meet actual community needs and that are coordinated in collaboration with school and community.

Service-learning is integrated into students' academic curriculum and provides students with opportunities to use newly acquired skills and knowledge to become active partners within their community. Service-learning enhances what is taught by extending student learning beyond the classroom and into the community. It helps foster the development of a sense of caring for others and the ability to understand other's perspectives which is particularly important for effective citizenship and life long learning.

The following components of service-learning must be included in each course:

- The service-component is directly linked to the learning objectives in a course
- The service project meets a community need and is organized with a community or campus partner
- Reflection/analysis is the assessment tool to measure students learning

Tracking Service-Learning in Courses

The Service-Learning Program tracks the growth of service-learning on campus as well recognizes community partners.

At the end of each term faculty members are required to disclose their service-learning course statistics including:

1. Name of the course(s)
2. Number of students involved in service-learning
3. Number of hours each student or group of students spent conducting a service-project. (This can include class time planning the project and/or time outside of class)
4. Name(s) of partner organizations(s) (Clark College is an acceptable partner organization)

E-mail the above information to the Service-Learning Program Manager at service-learning@clark.edu.