

Service Learning in Public Health

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Registration Information Sheet

Service Learning in Public Health is taught in the Spring semester and will be taught by Professor Wilensky. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Professor Wilensky at wilensky@gwu.edu or (202)994-4126.

This course can be used as a Public Health elective.

Course eligibility

- You must have completed Public Health 101

Course Requirements/Details

- You must have a placement set by the first class of Spring semester.
- Your placement must be on the approved list (see below). If you wish to be placed at a site that is not on the approved list, you should speak with Professor Wilensky as soon as possible to see if an accommodation can be made. Due to the need for an affiliation agreement between all sites and GW, it often takes several months to approve a placement.
- With the exception of Spring Break, you must volunteer at the placement site a minimum of four hours per week for each week of the semester (even weeks where class is not held due to a holiday).
- We meet in class about half of the weeks during the semester.
- Your duties at the site must assist in the mission of the organization, be involved in direct service to the organization's beneficiaries, and may not include more than a minimal amount of administrative/clerical work.
- You must have a supervisor at the placement site to act as a contact person during the course and to provide an evaluation of you at the end of the course.
- You must have secured transportation (public or private) to your placement site. Unless prior arrangements are made with your site, you should assume that you will pay the costs of transportation to and from your site.
- Be aware of safety procedures
 - We suggest that you visit your site during regular working hours
 - Make sure your site is in a safe neighborhood
 - Always carry emergency contact information with you to your site

Approved Sites

The following sites are approved for placement. For sites that are provided through the Office of Community Service (OCS), you should contact OCS directly to set up a placement. See their website at <http://gwired.gwu.edu/sac/OCS/OCSPrograms/>. If there is an OCS site that you are interested in but is not on this list, contact Professor Wilensky for approval at wilensky@gwu.edu. For other placements, the contact is listed.

OCS Placement Sites

Environmental

Sierra Club (teaching recycling to students)

Activities for Seniors

Emmaus

St. Mary's Court

Iona Senior Services

We are family

Hunger/Homelessness/Poverty

DC Central Kitchen

Dinner programs for homeless women

Food and Friends (also HIV)

Miriam's Kitchen

Bread for the City

So Others Might Eat

Battered Women/Sexual Abuse

DC Rape Crisis Center

My Sister's Place

Second Chance Employment Services

Services for Children

Safe Shores DCCAC

Bright Beginnings

Northwest Settlement House

Seaton Elementary

SAIL

CentroNia

Hermanos and Hermanas Mayor

Metro Teen Aids

Bell High School

DC Scores

Thurgood Marshall Academy

School Without Walls

Transitional Housing Corporation

Other

National Student Partnership

Non-OCS Placement Sites

- Northwest Center (Pregnancy counseling and services)
 - Contact: Jenny Graves (202) 483-7008
- N Street Village (community services)
 - Contact: Kate Tyler ktyler@nstreetvillage.org
- Pediatric HIV/AIDS Care
 - Contact: Khadijah Tribble ktribble@pediatricaidshivcare.org
- Project Health (through GW)
 - Contact: LaToya White LtWhite@cnmc.org