

Service Learning in Public Health Pub. H. 2117 Registration Information Sheet

Service Learning in Public Health is taught in the spring semester and will be taught by Professor Wilensky. It is anticipated that the class will be taught Wednesdays, 10:00am-12:30pm in spring 2012.

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 1101

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) or already associated with GW. **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.**
- 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 every other week 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

Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service

You may volunteer at any site that is affiliated with the center and is connected to public health. Examples include sites working with the environment, seniors, battered children and homeless populations. If you have any questions whether a particular program is connected to public health, contact Professor Wilensky at wilensky@gwu.edu. For sites that are provided through the center you should contact them directly to set up a placement. See their website at <http://www.gwu.edu/explore/campuslife/studentinvolvement/serviceengagement>.

Non-Center Sites Affiliated with GW

You may volunteer at other sites that are affiliated with the university through various organizations. One example is Health Leads (formerly Project Health). Anyone currently volunteering with Health Leads may use that position for their service learning site. If you are interested in volunteering with Health Leads, contact LaToya White at lwhite@healthleadsusa.org

Please contact Professor Wilensky to discuss other GW-affiliated sites.

Service Learning Approved Sites

You may also volunteer at the approved sites listed here (this list is updated periodically). You should contact the site directly to arrange an internship position.

- Northwest Center (Pregnancy counseling and services)
 - Contact: Jenny Graves (202) 483-7008
- Share our Strength (ending childhood hunger)
 - Contact: Mark Mckenna mmckenna@strength.org
 - If you choose this site, make sure the opportunity available to you is working directly with beneficiaries.
- STRIVE (a program within Next Step) (afterschool program assisting teens who have sickle cell anemia) For general information go to their website, <http://www.nextstepnet.org/our-programs> and click on Strive
 - Contact: Emily Rosenthal Emily@nextstepnet.org
- Family Matters of Greater Washington (health education for seniors)
 - Contact: Rinaldo Washington, rwashington@familymattersdc.org or (202) 289-1510 ext 1415