

Service Learning Requirement

Each student will be required to document participating in 6 hours of service learning (volunteer) activities each semester enrolled in the program. Service learning will be defined as “the giving of one’s time, energy, talent and skills [for the mutual benefit of those involved. It means] to assist others and advance the interests of the larger community as well as the personal and/or professional growth of the student”. (Cleary, et. al., 1998)

Documentation of volunteer activities must be submitted to the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing Business office by two (2) weeks prior to the end of each semester. Forms are available in the student mailbox area at St. Elizabeth School of Nursing. The forms must be submitted with a signature of the person “in charge” at the site of the service learning activity. Hours may be completed in a single session or as a series of multiple activities.

It is preferred that service learning activities have a healthcare focus. Activities may include but are not limited to participation in vaccination clinics, BP screening, “Heart walk”, “Relay for Life”, etc. **There is a Service Learning Opportunities Bulletin Board in the student mailbox area listing numerous Service Learning Events.**

Previously approved Service Learning Activities

BP screening Glucose screening
Flu shot clinics Health Fairs
Vaccination clinics
Participate in activity therapy in extended care settings
Assist with meal time/feedings in extended care settings
Assist with screening activities in schools
Prepare materials for mission trips
First Aid support at various community events
Tutor Lafayette Reading Academy
Participation in parish nursing activities
Volunteer at LUM, Food Finders, Food Pantry, Salvation Army

Service learning activities within the School for the purpose of assisting peers, or the broader community through School of Nursing sponsored activities will be considered as meeting the requirements of Service Learning. Such activities may include but are not necessarily limited to: participating and attending school of nursing committee meetings, Honor Council, Recruitment/Information sessions (i.e. high school visits, college fairs, and Information days), student orientation, tutoring of other students, etc.

It is a general practice that Service Learning hours completed in excess of the semester requirement may not be “carried over” for credit in another semester. However, due to the nature and timing of some activities, some qualified Service Learning hours may be applied to “future” Service Learning semester requirements. Activities occurring within 8 weeks prior to the start of a semester may be accepted for the upcoming semester. If there is a question contact the Community Health Practice Chair.

Students not meeting the service learning requirements will not be eligible to register for classes for the following semester or in the case of a graduating senior will not be eligible to graduate.