

Curricular Service-Learning

As a cross-disciplinary academic program, Service Learning engages the University in compassionate service by working to bring campus and community together to focus on issues of common concern. This mission is facilitated by a programmatic focus on:

- Building and sustaining community partnerships that are reciprocal in nature, related to the Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy, and shared by multiple divisions within the University;
- Providing support and development opportunities for faculty which encourage collaborative projects and attention to the civic dimensions of compassionate service;
- Focusing, deepening and assessing what students learn through academic service and connecting that learning explicitly with the Student Learning Goals;
- Collaborating with other members of the Community Engagement Collaborative to increase focus and impact of University engagement efforts.

Courses designated as service-learning courses at CSM partner with community organizations to engage students in service activities designed to contribute to the Student Learning Goals of Worth and Dignity and Global and Cultural Competence. These Student Learning Goals, along with civic learning, are included as course objectives in service-learning courses and students are assessed regarding their progress in meeting these goals.

For more information about the Service-Learning Program, contact the Director of Service- Learning, Dr. Kristin Mattson at kmattson@csm.edu and see the website at <https://www.csm.edu/student-life/get-involved/service-learning-service-opportunities>.