

What does Service-Learning Require from You?

Successful service-learning experiences will require some effort on your part. Here are some general ideas for what you should be prepared to provide:

Site coordination. You, or someone you designate, will serve as site coordinator for the service-learning experience.

- The site coordinator is your organization's primary liaison for the project.
- This person must be informed about the goals of the collaboration and generally assumes responsibility for the activities that follow.

Course-related service experiences. Work with your service-learning partner to insure that the service needs of your office link with course objectives.

Orientation and basic training. At the beginning of each semester, give a site orientation and basic training information to service-learners with whom you will be working.

- However, not all training must be your responsibility. Discuss with your partner(s) the level of training required of students and work together to identify the most appropriate venues for such training.

On-site supervision. Provide basic supervision to service-learners.

Accessibility. Be accessible to answer students' questions, make referrals, or provide information if they seek your help in their learning process.

Currency with your service-learning partner. Check in with your partner multiple times during the semester to evaluate how things are going, and discuss any questions or issues of the partnership.

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