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FAQ: Service Learning Projects

What is Service Learning?

A service learning project is an unpaid activity that combines academic work with service and social action. It focuses on civic responsibility and community involvement where students complete a planned series of activities and apply their individual skills and knowledge to help meet a need in the school or greater community.

How does this benefit students?

Students are able to create positive change in their community, and build their social capital by working with employers and community organizations. Documenting their work can also help them towards graduation.

How does this benefit my organization?

Community projects can always use another set of hands to reach their goals, and employers that take steps to build up their communities are able to boost their brand recognition and reputation. Students can fit right in to volunteer programs or activities that your organization already has.

What are the requirements?

Students must be supervised at all times, and all staff directly interacting with the student must obtain necessary clearances (See our WBL Guide for what clearances are required.) To count towards graduation, a Service Learning Project must last between 10 and 60 hours.

Want to host a service learning project, but don't know where to start? Career Ready Allegheny can help! Contact us at: [CareerReadyAllegheny.org](https://www.CareerReadyAllegheny.org)