

Community-Based Learning Program

What is Community-Based Learning? Community-Based Learning is a hands-on teaching and learning methodology that provides students with active learning opportunities related to course content while meeting needed services in the community.

Project Examples:

- U.S. Government students worked with local government organizations to host a community forum designed educating citizen of Fall River on different aspects of city government. **(Project-based Service)**
- Students enrolled in an Art History class worked with a non-profit group to help plan/execute a city-wide Arts and Culture festival. **(Direct Service)**
- Marketing students conducted a SWOT analysis for local Non-Profits, offering feedback and strategies to effectively promote their services. **(Project-based Service)**
- Capstone Course: Nursing students worked in teams providing health and wellness information to the community. Past Services included: Workshops on Hygiene with Preschoolers, Physical activities at local Senior Centers, Breast-feeding info sessions at local high schools, Community Gardening at a local youth organization **(Direct Service)**

Your interest in engaging community-based learning students is unique to your organization and is able to be structure in one of the following ways:

- **Project-based Service-** Through a partnership with the Civic Engagement Program and a Bristol Faculty member, a project relating to course material is created to address a need or project the organization identifies. A representative of the organization is encouraged to come into the classroom to talk about their organization and the community need(s). Projects will either largely or fully be done off-site, with students providing a final deliverable to the organization
- **Direct Service-** Students are on-site and in direct contact with the people/agency they are helping *A member from your organization will serve as the site supervisor

Project/Site Supervisor will be asked to:

- **Identify the need-** Work collaboratively with the Civic Engagement program to engage students in a project or direct service that meets the need.
- **Project Hours:** Project/Site Supervisor will be asked to provide students will enough work to fulfill 10 required project hours
- **Evaluation-**Project/Site Supervisor will be asked to complete an evaluation toward end of the student's service, evaluating student performance

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