

HCC Nursing Students and Service Learning

Who: Every student enrolled in HCC's nursing program is required to **complete 12 hours of service learning AND a health promotion project** while taking NURS 235—Nursing; Care of Patients in Community and Mental Health Settings.

When: Service learning **nursing students complete two short, 7-week semesters during a standard fall or spring semester.** The nursing semesters generally follow this schedule:

Nursing Fall Session 1 -	End of August through mid October
Nursing Fall Session 2 -	Mid October through early December
Nursing Spring Session 1 -	Early February through mid March
Nursing Spring Session 2 -	Mid March through early May

Nursing students will contact sites during the first week of their session. They will have approximately four to five weeks immediately following to complete their health promotion project and service learning hours. You can expect nursing students to be eager to solidify their service schedule during your first phone conversation.

How: During an in-class orientation, service learning nursing students are provided with a directory of all of our community partners that are approved for their course. Students get to choose the site they would like to volunteer with. Once they choose a site, students contact the site to talk about volunteer opportunities and commit to a placement.

What: All nursing students are required to **complete and present a health promotion project** to the clients served by the agency where they are doing their volunteer hours. The presentation of this health promotion project should be included as a portion of their 12 service learning hours. **Health promotion projects should respond to the needs of the agency and their clients.** There is great flexibility in terms of topic and form of delivery (workshop, project board, pamphlet, etc.) for the health promotion project. The selection of the topic and method of delivery should be determined between the student and the agency representative. It is important that the project meets both the agency's needs as well as the student's course requirements.

Hours: Every time a student volunteers at a site, they will bring an HCC Hours Log with them. When they complete a volunteer shift, they will record their hours and ask their supervisor at the site to initial the form verifying that they completed those hours. **The time spent delivering the health promotion project should be included as part of their service hours.**