



Service-Learning/Community Engagement Examples

Below are actual Western Technical College examples of service-learning/community engagement activities. This is not a comprehensive list as many more activities occur during the year. Additionally, there is a variety of ways to serve and these methods are outlined in the first column.

Ways to Serve	Actual Western Examples	Actual Western Program Connection
Provide a Community Education Offering	✓ 3-5 students facilitate a beginner level workshop on a topic area related to their program of study (ex. basic computer)	IT Computer Support Specialist Medical Administrative Professional Administrative Professional
	✓ Class of students organize and conduct a service to the community (ex. mock interviewing, car checks, car-fit safety check, technology help desk)	Automotive Occupational Therapy Assistant IT Computer Support Specialist
Fulfill a need for a community organization <i>(Work with a client [community organization] to identify a need, which students can fulfill.)</i>	✓ Create an emergency shelter plan for dogs at an animal rescue facility ✓ Set up social media accounts and provide training for the community organization	Business Management
	✓ Develop and distribute surveys and compile data ✓ Write content for publications	General Studies – Technical Reporting
	✓ Create architectural drafts for houses that Habitat for Humanity will build	Architectural Drafting
Assist with an ongoing need for a community organization	✓ Help at an event (related to program of study) where the community organization is providing a service to others (ex. La Crosse County sealant clinic)	Dental Assistant
	✓ Provide tips about the job search process	General Studies – Applied Communications
Serve within a community organization <i>(short-term volunteering)</i>	✓ Serve at a community organization to expose oneself to course topics in action (ex. Hillview Healthcare Center, Cavalier Cupboard)	General Studies – Developmental Psychology Human Services Associate
	✓ 5 or 10 hours required of volunteer service unrelated to program/course topics. This gives students exposure to the community and encourages them to reflect on soft-skill development.	Medical Assistant IT Computer Support Specialist Administrative Assistant
Advocacy/ Build awareness	✓ Plan and deliver suicide prevention presentations to area high schools	General Studies – Introduction to Psychology