

THE SHRIVER CENTER AT UMBC

PRACTICUM 096: COMMUNITY SERVICE & LEARNING Summer 2015 SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

As part of your enrollment in a Shriver Center service-learning placement, **you will be enrolled in PRAC 096**, a zero-credit, Pass/Fail course. This provides a record of your participation in a University sanctioned service-learning opportunity. Students who meet all of the requirements listed below will earn a Pass (P) grade in the Practicum, including a notation on their transcripts. **Students who fail to meet the requirements of the Practicum by the posted deadlines will earn a Fail (F) grade. Incomplete (I) grades** will not be granted unless specifically requested by the student prior to the last day of classes (Friday, August 14th) and are assigned at the discretion of the student's designated Service-Learning Coordinator. Please talk to a Program Coordinator if you have any questions.

APPLIED LEARNING THROUGH SERVICE

"Service-Learning is a form of experiential education in which students engage in activities that address human and community needs together with structured opportunities for reflection designed to achieve desired learning outcomes." (Dr. Barbara Jacoby, *Service-Learning in Higher Education*, 1996) Accordingly, key principles of Service-Learning are reflection and reciprocity.

The Student Learning Outcomes for Practicum 096: Community Service & Learning are:

- Increase awareness of community assets and needs
- Enhance sense of civic responsibility
- Strengthen critical thinking/problem-solving skills through critical reflection
- Increase self-confidence and competence
- Promote leadership development
- Explore skills needed to advocate for themselves and others

096 PRACTICUM INFORMATION

Task	Due date
Participate in 3-5 hours of community service per week , for a minimum of 30 hours per semester (unless otherwise indicated). Students are expected to attend their site weekly and consistently.	Ongoing until Friday, August 14th
Complete Service Learning Expectations and Learning Objectives Form with your Service-Learning Coordinator or service site supervisor. Access form here: http://shrivercenter.umbc.edu/096-community-service-learning-practicum/	Wednesday, July 15th
Complete the Basic Info profile on UMBCworks Click on EDIT underneath your current service, internship, co-op, or research placement. This will take you directly to the Basic Exp. Learning Information screen. To complete your Evaluations and Semester Report, click on the grey titles to the right of your experience on the Exp. Learning homepage. Access here: http://www.careers.umbc.edu/umbcworks .	Wednesday, July 15th
Complete All Service-Learning Reflection Questions on Blackboard. Responses should be at least 200 words in length. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must click "SUBMIT" for their entry to be received and for full credit to be given. Clicking 	Reflection Question Topic Areas (see Blackboard for actual question) Reflection Question 1: Why Serve?

<p>"SAVE" will not submit the entry to Blackboard, and no credit can be given for these entries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that your question has been submitted correctly, click on "My Grades" in Blackboard. These icons represent the status of your submission: <p>Other Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check mark: You have successfully completed the Survey (Reflections 1 and 7). The survey is anonymous. You will see a check mark by your name after it is completed instead of a point value. Green exclamation point: You have successfully "SUBMITTED" your Blackboard response. If the entry meets the length requirements (at least 200 words), you will receive full credit for this response after it is graded. Clipboard: You have "Saved" your response but NOT submitted it to Blackboard. No credit will be given to "SAVED" responses. Return to your response, open it, and click "SUBMIT." 	<p>Reflection Question 2: Who has Impacted You?</p> <p>Reflection Question 3: Community</p> <p>Reflection Question 4: Service Area and Career Goals</p> <p>Reflection Question 5: First Week of Service</p> <p>Reflection Question 6: About Your Site</p> <p>Reflection Question 7: Learning Outcomes</p>
<p>Attend 1 On-Campus Reflection Session.</p> <p>If you do not attend one of the offered sessions, you must complete an Alternative Reflection Assignment. This will be sent out during the semester from the S-L Staff</p>	<p>Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, July 20th: 10AM-11AM in III-4135 Tuesday, July 21st: 2:30PM-3:30PM in III-4135
<p>Complete Student Evaluation and Placement Evaluation on UMBCworks. http://www.careers.umbc.edu/umbcworks</p>	<p>Friday, August 14th</p>
<p>Submit Service-Learning Time-Sheet as a record of service hours. Access time-sheet: http://shrivercenter.umbc.edu/096-community-service-learning-practicum/</p>	<p>Friday, August 14th</p>

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