

# Health Careers Exploration Course Third Year

# 2018 (subject to change)



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#### **Health Career Exploration**

#### ✤ 40 TOTAL hours of community service/volunteering/service learning

- ✤ 20 hours per semester
- ✤ 40 hours in a pre-approved setting
- One semester spend at least 20 hours in a health care setting
- One semester spend at least 20 hours in a health-related setting

#### **Course Objectives:**

At the end of this course each student will:

- 1. Become acquainted with volunteer opportunities available in the metro Detroit community.
- 2. Have a general understanding of the benefits of community service.
- 3. Gain experience providing service(s) to the community.
- 4. Apply academic learning to real human needs.
- 5. Maintain satisfactory academic progress in all courses.

#### Student Expectations:

- Arrive on time stay for duration
- Proper hygiene and comply with dress code
- Be attentive
- Be an active participant in own learning
- Be prepared
- Observe safety and infection control policies
- Maintain confidentiality
- Complete assignments neatly and turn in on time
- Professional conduct as indicated in the Henry Ford Health System Code of Conduct for HFEC Students

#### **Disciplinary Process (Overview)**

Level 1 – Verbal Warning

Level 2 – Call to parent/guardian; referral to principal; removal form clinical experience

Level 3 – Family conference/expulsion from clinical experience

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#### Why is Service Learning Important?

[The following information comes directly from LearningIndeed.org (2005).]

Service-learning has a positive effect on the personal development of public school youth.

- Middle and high school students who engaged in quality service-learning programs showed increases in measures of personal and social responsibility, communication and sense of educational competence (Weiler, et. al., 1998).
- Students who engaged in service-learning ranked responsibility as a more important value and reported a higher sense of responsibility to their school than comparison groups (Leming, 1998).
- Students perceive themselves to be more socially competent after engaging in service-learning (Scales and Blyth, 1997; O'Bannon, 1999; Morgan and Streb, 1999).
- Students who engaged in service-learning were more likely to treat each other kindly, help each other and care about doing their best (Berkas, 1997).
- Students who engaged in service-learning were more likely to increase their sense of self-esteem and self-efficacy (Shaffer, 1993).
- Middle school male students reported increased self-esteem and fewer behavioral problems after engaging in service-learning (Switzer, et. al., 1995).

## Service-learning provides opportunities for students to become active, positive contributors to society.

- High school students who participated in service-learning and service are more likely to be engaged in a community organization and to vote 15 years after their participation in the program than those who did not participate (Youniss, et. al., 1997; Yates and Youniss, 1998).
- High school students from five states who participated in high quality service-learning programs increased their political attentiveness, political knowledge and desire to become more politically active (Morgan and Streb, 1999).
- Students who engage in service-learning feel that they can "make a difference" (O'Bannon, 1999; Cairn, 1999).
- Over 80 percent of participants in high quality service-learning programs felt that they had made a positive contribution to the community (Melchior, 1999; Billig and Conrad, 1997; Scales and Blyth, 1997).

#### Service-learning helps students acquire academic skills and knowledge.

- Students in over half of the high quality service-learning schools studied showed moderate to strong positive gains on student achievement tests in language arts and/or reading, engagement in school, sense of educational accomplishment and homework completion (Weiler, et. al., 1998).
- Service-learning participation was associated with higher scores on the state test of basic skills (Anderson, et. al., 1991) and higher grades (Shumer, 1994; Shaffer, 1993; Dean and Murdock, 1992; O'Bannon, 1999).
- Eighty-three percent of schools with service-learning programs reported that grade point averages of participating service-learning students improved 76 percent of the time (Follman, 1999).
- Middle and high school students who participated in service-learning tutoring programs increased their grade point averages and test scores in reading/language arts and math and were less likely to drop out of school (Supik, 1996; Rolzinski, 1990).
- Elementary and middle school students who participated in servicelearning had improved problem-solving skills and increased interest in academics (Stephens, 1995).

#### Counseling and Advising

Students will meet with HFEC Counselor or representative at least twice monthly for progress updates.

Students will submit midterm progress reports and additional progress reports if requested to the HFEC Counselor or representative.

Students will attend and actively participate with seminar course/focus as scheduled.

#### **Course Assignments:**

Grading: Credit/No-credit

30% Semester One: Health-care setting volunteer experience participation 10% Semester One: Health-care setting volunteer experience write-up

30% Semester Two: Health-related volunteer experience participation 10% Semester Two: Health-related volunteer experience write-up

20% Counseling and Advising

**Late assignments:** All assignments should be turned in on time, before the last day of each semester. Assignments that are incomplete will be considered late. The first day an assignment is late, 15% will be deducted from the score, and the second day 30% will be deducted. After two days late, no credit will be given; however, assignment must still be completed and turned in.

#### DUE DATES:

#### First semester volunteer experience – January 25, 2019 Second semester volunteer experience – May 24, 2019

\*Each student is to seek a volunteer opportunity in an area of interest. \*Get approval from HFEC administration for volunteer/community service opportunity.

\*Contact area to set up time/day for volunteering. \*Track hours on time sheet.

#### WRITE-UP

\*Complete **a 500 – 750 word paper** about the volunteer experience.

12-font, double-spaced with 1-inch margin all around, APA format

- Describe the experience: who, what, where and when
- How did this experience affect your personal development?
- How were you able to apply your academic learning to the real human needs?
- What were some of the personal benefits you received from offering your service? What were the benefits to the recipient of your volunteer efforts?
- Summarize your experience

Submit papers to: HFEC Office by 3pm of due date.

#### **Community Service/Volunteer Opportunities**

#### Websites:

www.volunteermatch.org www.volunteerimpact.org www.guide2detroit.com/community/volunteer

### Suggestions for Possible Other Community Service/Volunteer Opportunities:

ACCESS HFHS Belmont HFHS St. Claire Shores Davita Dialysis American Red Cross American Heart Association American Diabetes Association American Lung Association American Cancer Society Veteran's Hospital Childcare Centers Big Brothers/Big Sisters HFHS School-based clinics First Book People Helping One Another United Way United Cerebral Palsy Points of Light Foundation Alternative for Girls AIDS Partnership of Michigan Hospitals City Year HFHS Ambulatory Centers

Jewish Family Service of Metro Detroit Leukemia and Lymphoma Society The Greening of Detroit COTS Meals on Wheels LIFT Focus: HOPE Relay 4 Life Detroit Free Press Marathon City Year eMentoring/ePals (18+) for HFEC Lighthouse of Oakland County, Inc. UNICEF St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center Motor City Jaycees Karmanos Cancer Institute Gilda's Club **Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan** Common Ground Sanctuary Michigan Citizen Corps Nursing Homes SandCastles **Community Pharmacies** 

**Note:** The Student Activities Office @ Henry Ford College provides information on volunteer activities, on-campus as well as in the community. Many worthwhile opportunities are available.

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### Service Learning/Community Service Time Sheet

Student Name\_\_\_\_\_

DATE	TIME IN	TIME OUT	LOCATION	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE	STUDENT SIGNATURE

Total Hours\_\_\_\_\_