

TUSCARAWAS

A Message from CE Coordinator, Dr. Denise McEnroe-Petitte

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During my second year in the role as Community Engagement Coordinator, I have to wonder if faculty and students really know what this is all about. Let me take the time to discuss Community Engagement with you.

Community engagement (CE), which is often called “service learning,” combines learning goals and community service in ways that can enhance both student growth and the common good of others.

Typically, community engagement is incorporated into a course or series of courses by way of a project that has both learning and community action goals. This project is designed via collaboration between faculty and community partners. The project asks students to apply course content to community-based activities.

This gives students experiential opportunities to learn in real world contexts and to develop community engagement skills, while affording community partners opportunities to address significant needs.

Here are some of the student benefits of CE:

Learning Outcomes

- Positive impact on students’ academic learning
- Improves students’ ability to apply what they have learned in “the real world”
- Positive impact on academic outcomes such as demonstrated complexity of understanding, problem analysis, problem-solving, critical thinking and cognitive development
- Improved ability to understand complexity and ambiguity

Personal Outcomes

- Greater sense of personal efficacy, personal identity, spiritual growth and moral development
- Greater interpersonal development, particularly the ability to work well with others and build leadership and communication skills

Social Outcomes

- Reduced stereotypes and greater inter-cultural understanding
- Improved social responsibility and citizenship skills
- Greater involvement in community service after graduation (cont. on pg. 3)



Vet Tech students with the Humane Society and Kingsley Berlin



Lion's Club members at the Camp Tuscazoar Adventure Bike Race, Race and Spaghetti Dinner



College Writing students planning for West Elementary reading activities with Dr. Nicole Willey

RN to BSN Nursing Students Assist the Friends of the Homeless with Health Needs

The Summer 2017 Health Promotion in Professional Nursing Practice course for the RN to BSN Nursing Students were involved in Community Engagement activities. The purpose of this assignment was for the students to apply knowledge from human growth development, health program planning and theories of learning and educational principles when presenting health programs. Each of the students designed a health promotion program activity in the form of a poster and two handouts for individuals that would result in increasing the participants physical or psychological well-being.

This project consisted of ten students, under the guidance of Dr. Denise McEnroe-Petitte, course faculty. The group partnered with the Friends of the Homeless in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Such presentation topics included: Diabetes Type 2 and Nutrition, Foot Care, Personal Hygiene, Prevention of Skin Cancer, Substance Abuse, Rehabilitation, Vivitrol, Influenza Vaccine, Immunizations, Pneumonia, Healthy Nutrition, Type II Diabetes and Exercise, Diabetes Complications, First Aid for Bleeding, Everything You Need in a First Aid Kit, Heat Illnesses, Stress and What it Can Do To The Body, Stress and Mindfulness, Stress and Emotional Health, A Guide Getting You or a Loved One Sober, Alcoholism, Reading Food Labels, Taking Blood Pressure Medication, High Blood Pressure, DASH Diet for Controlling Blood Pressure, Insomnia, Sleep Apnea, Getting a Better Night's Sleep and Alcohol and Your Liver.

The students were well received by the staff and residents at the shelter. In addition, to the presentations, posters and handouts that will be used in the facility and contents for a first aid kit were donated by the class. In summary, the students were able to offer health promotion and educational needs through CE participation.



RN to BSN nursing students at the Friends of the Homeless with Dr. Denise McEnroe-Petitte



Friends of the Homeless participating in a CPR class at Kent State University Tuscarawas

Career Development

- Connections with professionals and community members for learning and career opportunities
- Greater academic learning, leadership skills and personal efficacy can lead to greater opportunities

Relationship with the Institution

- Stronger relationships with faculty
- Greater satisfaction with the college experience
- Improved graduation rates
- Faculty benefits of CE
- Satisfaction with the quality of student learning
- New avenues for research and publication via new relationships between faculty and the community
- Providing networking opportunities with engaged faculty in other disciplines or institutions
- A stronger commitment to one's research
- Community benefits of CE
- Satisfaction with student participation
- Valuable human resources needed to achieve community goals
- New energy, enthusiasm and perspectives applied to community work
- Enhanced community-university relations

General Ideas for CE:

- Read books or letters to a person who is visually impaired
- Contact a tree farm about donating Christmas trees to nursing homes, hospitals or to families who can't afford to buy their own
- Collect unused makeup and perfume to donate to a center for abused women
- Help register people to vote
- Write articles/give speeches advocating financial literacy. Tutor children during or after school
- Organize games and activities for children in hospitals or who are visiting hospitalized relatives
- Collect used sports equipment to donate to families and after-school programs
- Volunteer at a summer camp for children who have lost a parent
- Put on performances for children in hospitals
- Give free music lessons to schoolchildren
- Become a volunteer teen crisis counselor
- Organize a summer reading program to encourage kids to read
- Create a new game for children to play



The Lions Club at Kent State Tuscarawas Needs You!

The Kent State Tuscarawas Lions Club is a part of Lions Clubs International. The Lions Club is the world's largest volunteer service club organization, working to answer needs that challenge communities. Our club members contribute to the campus and community with assistance for eyeglasses, food for seniors and other areas of need. Members meet monthly on campus. Learn more by contacting campus Lions Club president Adrian Jones at amjones4@kent.edu.



Nursing students who attended the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) walk with Mrs. Teri Leiser, RN

Special Thanks to Our Fall 2017 CE Participants

Bill Auld and Kent State Tuscarawas Performing Arts Center

Kingsly Berlin/Maria Burkholder and Tuscarawas County Humane Society

Ginger Bihn-Coss and Warther's Museum

Lisa Brindley and Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Teri Leiser and NAMI walk

Kent State Tuscarawas Lion's Club/Walking Trail and Adventure Bike Race

Mariann Harding/Joan Lappin/Donna Morgan and Kent State Tuscarawas
flu immunizations

Denise McEnroe-Petitte and Hospice flu immunizations

Denise McEnroe-Petitte/Laurie Barcus and Friends of the Homeless CPR/AED

Nicole Miles and NP Library Whiz Kids program

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Service-Learning at Kent State Tuscarawas Our Mission

Service-Learning is an important tool for the discovery, application and sharing of knowledge, for fostering ethical and humanitarian values in the service of Ohio and for expanding our students' horizons while encouraging responsible citizenship.

What We Do For You

Offer assistance on integrating service-learning into a course

Foster relationships between faculty and community partners

Document service hours and provide participant recognition

Provide support to faculty and community partners