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P-16 Spotlight

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The P-16 Initiative aims at connecting the P-12 and UNO curriculum through the development of collaborative academic service learning experiences.

These experiences connect learning outcomes with community identified needs while meeting curriculum and course standards.

Benefits

Service Learning is a method of teaching that connects learning outcomes to identified community needs. As a metropolitan institution, UNO values community partnerships that come together from P-12, higher education, as well as nonprofit and government agencies to provide meaningful opportunities to serve and learn in the community.

By developing academic service learning experiences with all three entities, the opportunity to deepen academic learning, provide real life experiences, and build relationships, allows learning that continues throughout a lifetime.

Student Benefits

- Become active in addressing real community issues through coursework
- Develop civic engagement and citizenship skills necessary for career and individual development
- "See" textbook learning come to life
- Break down the four walls of the classroom
- Develop relationships with K-12 and higher education students as well as teachers in community agencies

Instructor Benefits

- Provide meaningful opportunities for critical thought and upper level learning
- Engage students actively in their learning
- Students achieve at higher levels

Community Benefits

- Address real agency needs through classroom learning
- Act as co-teacher in the classroom

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- Impact youth as a valuable asset in the community
- Interact with youth and families

Resources

Service learning implementation can begin with an idea, need, course learning outcome, or conversation. However it starts, the Service Learning Academy can assist in the development of the curriculum that implements this style of teaching in a quality way. Using the K-12 Quality Service Learning Standards and other supportive materials, support is available in many ways.

Means of Support

- Training for P-12, UNO faculty, and community partners on quality service learning development during Service Learning Seminars
- Graduate assistant support for service learning implementation and planning
- Funding for service learning curriculum including project materials, transportation, and food
- Customizable training and support for schools, departments, after school programs, groups, etc. that are interested in developing service learning programs

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