

Service Learning at SIU-SOM



SIU's Mission

The mission of the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine is to assist the people of central and southern Illinois in meeting their health care needs through

- Education
- Patient care
- Research
- and
- **Service to the community**

What is Service Learning?

- A form of experiential learning where knowledge and critical thinking skills are applied to address genuine community needs
 - Benefits both the learner and the community
 - Fosters civic responsibility and lifelong learning

Service Learning 2 hour experience- Complete by December 1, 2021

1. Choose site on approved list or attend SIU-SOM Student Program outreach event
 - If you want to go to a site not listed, contact Hope Cherry at hcherry@siumed.edu
2. Contact the site as instructed and tell them you are a MS 2 at SIU SOM and that you would like to come and work with them as part of your required service learning experience. Must be minimum of 2 hours
3. Read at least one of the readings prior to attending the activity
4. Have representative from the site sign the green mentor card. This card will be turned into your nurse educator
5. Go to MyProgress and log your hours in after completion of time
6. Write up a 2 page reflective piece and turn it in within 2 weeks to Hope Cherry at hcherry@siumed.edu (look at guidelines for reflection writing on slides posted on D2L under Service Learning area)
7. Your reflective writing will be assessed by an assigned faculty member using the reflective scoring sheet on D2L
8. Feedback will be provided to you on your reflective writing at a later date

If you have questions or problems connecting with a site please contact Hope Cherry at hcherry@siumed.edu
<https://mycourses.siu.edu/>

Suggested Service Learning Sites

- *SIU-SOM Student Programs
- Central Illinois Foodbank
- Contact Ministries
- Community Garden
- Habitat for Humanity
- Kumler Outreach Ministries Food Pantry
- Mercy House
- Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery
- Sojourn Shelter and Services
- St. John's Breadline
- Think First

If you would like to use an alternative service learning experience not listed above, contact Hope Cherry (hcherry@siumed.edu) for approval

*SIU-SOM Student Programs

- Event must be at least 2 hours. Exception can be made if prep work is required prior to event
- Must be outreach-related activity. This does not include meetings (e.g. interest group, journal club, or SIU-SOM committee), research, or required clinical experiences
- If volunteering for SIU-SOM event, Faculty, Staff, or Y4/Y3 student must sign off

*If you are looking for upcoming events, check out the “Student Programs” events calendar.
Purple events count as Y2 Service Learning experiences.*

Reflective Writing Prompts

- What did you learn from the experience?
- How does this relate to what you've learned in medical school? Or how is it dissimilar?
- What insights did this experience provide about patient care?
- Based upon your experience, what role does a physician play in caring for the community?

Upcoming Opportunities

- Student Programs Welcome Night
 - Monday, August 9 at 1700-1830
 - Learn about 40+ student-run outreach projects, student interest groups, and organizations at SIU-SOM
- Check the Student Program Calendar for more opportunities!

Student Day of Service

- Springfield neighborhoods
 - Enos Park
 - Pillsbury Mills
- Work with classmates in an unified direction
- **Thursday, April 14 2022**