

What can students do to help your organization?

Do you have a problem that needs solving? Need fresh ideas? Help planning or implementing a project?

SUNY Delhi service-learners help meet needs within your organization. Instead of only learning through reading a textbook, they learn through the service experience!

Service-learners typically commit to a semester of service, which is connected to an academic course. We have many different types of courses, so we can meet many different needs!

Current community partnerships include the following service-learning opportunities: mentoring school-age students in afterschool programs, creating marketing plans, providing community and educational experiences for individuals with disabilities, and educating youth about healthier choices and lifestyles.

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MY COMMUNITY HAS PROBLEMS AND THESE ARE MY PROBLEMS.
I WORK TO SOLVE MY COMMUNITY'S PROBLEMS.**

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SUNY Delhi has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll each year since 2006; the highest federal recognition an institution can receive for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE-LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS

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**SERVICE-LEARNERS THROUGH
SUNY DELHI**

Creating Partnerships

SUNY Delhi works with community partners to create mutually beneficial relationships. Students apply course concepts to their service, and share community experiences to help others learn.



What is Service-Learning?

Service-learning (S-L) engages students for life-long success, promotes academic excellence and builds strategic partnerships through civic engagement and experiential learning. S-L is a combination of classroom instruction and community service with a focus on critical, reflective thinking. Students are able to become active participants in the learning process by applying what they learn in the classroom to solve real-life problems.



Community is essential to learning. S-L projects can benefit your agency by putting theory into practice. Some examples include:

- ✓ Organizational Assessment and marketing
- ✓ Research Assistance
- ✓ Hands on assistance with construction projects
- ✓ Hands on patient care in healthcare settings
- ✓ Food service projects



Want to become a community partner?

To become a community partner, simply contact Elizabeth Sova at the O'Connor Center by calling 607-746-4781 or email sovaef@delhi.edu.

You identify the need you would like students to help meet, and SUNY Delhi will identify faculty who may be interested in the opportunity.

Example: The Delhi Area Chamber of Commerce and local historians identified the need for a record of historical architecture that is abundant in the village. Students in Lisa Tessier's History of Architecture class, with community feedback, resources and guidance, define criteria to select a group of buildings, design a walking tour map and create a report of those identified sites in the Village of Delhi.