



*"Tell me and I forget,  
teach me and I may  
remember, involve me  
and I learn."  
- Benjamin Franklin*

# Service Learning

**AT METHODIST  
COLLEGE**

"Service learning made a huge impact on my semester this year. Sometimes we forget why we want to do something. Why we had the drive to do something in the first place. It's easy to forget while sitting in lectures all day and studying for tests, but doing the service learning brought me back in."

METHODIST COLLEGE  
N120 NURSING STUDENT

METHODIST COLLEGE  
7600 N. Academic Dr.  
Peoria, IL 61615

309.672.5513  
admissions@methodistcol.edu  
www.methodistcol.edu

 **Methodist College**  
UnityPoint Health



# SERVICE LEARNING

The Mission of Methodist College is to "provide quality educational programs that promote the holistic development of a diverse student population to become healthcare professionals. The college is also committed to civic engagement, community service and to meeting the healthcare needs of the diverse population it serves."

In a commitment to its mission, Methodist College has integrated Service Learning into its curriculum.

Service Learning is a "teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities." (National Service-Learning Clearinghouse)

Methodist College has instituted Service Learning and volunteerism as a graduation requirement.\* Service Learning will be integrated in required courses in a student's major or in general education courses, and will not add additional courses to a student's degree plan. The experiences will be a practical application of the student's learning and will be related to the outcomes of the course.



## WHY SERVICE LEARNING?

Research has shown that Service Learning has the following outcomes:

- Increased awareness of community needs
- Enhancement of classroom learning
- Increased ability to work with diverse populations
- A feeling of being valued
- Real-life application of course content
- Increased empathy
- Improved leadership skills and interest in social justice
- Development of a sense of professional and civic responsibility
- Critical thinking development

*Service-Learning in Baccalaureate Nursing Education: A Literature Review, Murray, 2013*

## METHODIST COLLEGE SERVICE LEARNING AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE REQUIREMENT:\*

- Complete a minimum of four service learning courses. Three of these courses will be required courses in the student's major. The fourth course may be selected from designated service learning courses in the major, a general education course, or another course for which the student is eligible to enroll. (Approved courses have an SL designation.)
- Complete 20 hours of approved volunteer service from pre-approved locations. Contact the Methodist College Dean of Students for more information.
- Students who complete a minimum of eight Service Learning courses and who complete a minimum of 60 approved hours of community service, may be eligible to receive the Honors in Community Engagement award at their graduation.

*\*For students entering Methodist College Fall 2017 and beyond. More information on specific courses and procedures is available at [www.methodistcol.edu/service-learning](http://www.methodistcol.edu/service-learning).*