



**WHITWORTH**  
Dornsife Center  
for Community Engagement

## Student Frequently Asked Questions

*I've been volunteering with an agency on my own for a while. Can I do my Service-Learning there?*

The Center for Service-Learning is happy to create new relationships with agencies in our community and would love to talk more about who you are currently working with and how to move forward officially. Call, email or stop by to tell us about your experience! If you are serving as a requirement for a class, please bear in mind that your professor alone can make the determination about your service location. You will need his or her approval to ensure that your volunteer time helps you to fulfill the objectives of the course.

*How can I get to my Service-Learning site if I don't have a car?*

Whitworth University does not provide transportation for students for the completion of Service-Learning, nor does Whitworth endorse any specific means of transportation. Students should take transportation limitations into consideration when selecting a service location. Staying close to campus allows students to walk and/or bicycle to their site. It is also a good idea to look into public transportation options that are available. Carpooling with another student is also an option. Students, however, are solely responsible for their safety during transportation to their service sites, and so they are encouraged to keep safety in mind as the foremost consideration when choosing how to travel to a service location.

*Can my friend come with me to my assigned agency?*

If you are serving as part of a requirement for a class, remember that you are undertaking your service for course credit. Please approach your service as an opportunity to learn and make connections to your studies. Professionalism is important. Always contact your volunteer site in advance to register as a volunteer, complete any needed paperwork and possibly a background check. Do not bring along a friend unannounced. Volunteer coordinators appreciate your service, but need to know who will be present at their sites for safety reasons. Additionally there may be costs involved in training your friend as a volunteer, too. Always, communicate effectively with your volunteer coordinator if you wish to bring a friend.

*I have a job and it's hard to fit Service-Learning into my schedule. What can I do?*

If none of the placements offered for your class fit your schedule, talk to your professor and get in contact with the Program Coordinator for Service-Learning. We can try to identify a different placement that will suit your schedule as well as help you to fulfill the learning objectives of your course.

*Who do I contact if I have a problem or concern with my Service-Learning placement?*

Contact the Dornsife Center for Community Engagement at [serve@whitworth.edu](mailto:serve@whitworth.edu) regarding any questions, problems or concerns you may have related to your service.