

MY CSL JOURNEY

INSIGHT INTO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, LIFE LESSONS & BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

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MAIN THEME

In CSL placements, engaging one's self in the community environment will result in captivating opportunities and constructing influential relationships that will lead to long lasting significance on one's life.



MY EXPERIENCES

One-on-One Experiences

- Building strong relationships with individuals by sharing life experiences, goals and passions.
- Having connections with others based on common cultural experiences.
- Setting time to teach individuals basic reading skills, techniques to analyze short stories & creating connotations in regards to the story.



In-Class Engagements

- Learning to be out of my comfort zone, by engaging in teaching basic reading, writing & computer skills to new individuals.
- ➤ Recognizing and diminishing any sort of hierarchy or position of power in an environment where everyone is helping each other learn something new.
- Being respectful and nonjudgemental of other's experiences and opinions, for equal opportunity & collaboration with everyone.



Learning for Change Project

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COMMUNITY SERVICE-LEARNING

- Engaging in intriguing conversations on how to improve adult education services and programs.
- Establishing the definitions of community, service and learning, and how that definition changes when the words are put together.
- Contributing to a common goal of how we can communicate equal opportunities & greater accessibility in adult education.

Socialized

Organized

Experienced

Prioritized

Lenses of The Learning for Change Project

PRACTICING IN REAL WORLD SCENARIOS

How I apply these lessons and experiences into real life

- Listening & acknowledging other's opinions and perspectives in other work, educational and volunteer environments.
- Commonality of learning Teaching others, but learning from others as well.
- ➤ Learning to know when to speak and when to listen.
- Volunteering for the purpose of creating life experiences & lessons. As well, not treating community & service as an obligation, but rather a learning opportunity.
- Accepting when I'm at fault and learning from it, rather than being hard on myself for my mistakes.

CONCLUSION

CSL offers insight into influential community engagements. I was able to create new learning opportunities and life lessons that I can apply to my future educational, volunteering & professional endeavors.





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