

Rutgers University
CESEP Acelero Placement
Service Learning Internship
RECITATION Syllabus Spring 2012

Friday 12:00-1:20 (2/17, 3/2, 4/6, 4/27) SEC 218

Friday 1:40-3:00 (2/17, 3/2, 4/6, 4/27) SEC 218

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Course Description: This is an optional 1-credit service-learning course that will meet four times during the semester. The RU Civic Engagement and Service Education Partnerships Program (CESEP) placement associated with Community Psychology and Mental Health, Atypical Child Development, and Infant and Child Development courses will take place at Monmouth and Middlesex Counties Acelero centers.

The purpose of the recitation is to provide students with a format to reflect on the work they are doing at their placements and to find deeper meaning in their contributions to the community. Often individuals dedicate much time to volunteering and doing good work within different organizations and settings without a space to share their experiences and troubleshoot the challenges they face. This recitation presents students working with Acelero the unique opportunity to learn from each other and to strengthen their sense of civic engagement.

It is very important to follow the **Acelero Student Volunteer Guidelines** document (included below) to ensure that you complete the required documents and can then start in a timely manner. **Also, you must attend the mandatory CESEP orientation on January 27th at the Busch Campus Center.** Registration starts at 1:00 and the actual orientation starts at 2:00. This will better acquaint you with the program and answer any questions you might have.

Course Requirements:

1. **Service Hours:** A total of at least 30 hours at your placement. This is typically completed over 10 weeks, at 3 hours a week. *If you miss a day for any reason, you are responsible for arranging make-up hours.*
2. **Recitations:** It is mandatory that you attend all 4 recitation sessions. Recitations will allow the opportunity to discuss practical and theoretical issues about your experiences in a setting with your peers.
3. **Journal:** Journal writing is seen as an integral part of the reflective process. A typed journal entry for each day (session) at your placement site is required. There are 10 journal entries in total and each should be double-spaced, 1-2 pages in length. You will be required to submit your

journal entries via email to the recitation leader one week prior to the scheduled recitation. Please see “Journal Format” document on Sakai for outline.

4. **Goodbye Project:** A “Goodbye Project” will also be required. This project is an exercise that you will design for your last on site visit at your placement. Your last journal entry (entry #10) will be your written Goodbye Project. This entry should be 3-5 pages, double-spaced summarizing the project as well as the totality of your experience. See “Goodbye Project Format” document available on Sakai for details.

5. **Grading:** Grades will be assigned based on the completion of all requirements for this course.

6. **Class Participation**

We will have many opportunities for discussion, questions and answers, group discussions, as well as the typical discussion and questions that arise during recitation. Class participation is CRUCIAL to the quality of the class. Please come prepared to share your thoughts and ideas and ready to participate.

Important Note: At times, the subject matter we discuss in class may be controversial or sensitive. All viewpoints will be respected, but please note that everyone may not share your opinion on a particular topic. Additionally, this class is designed to be a safe space for *all* individuals regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, nationality, physical or mental disability, or socioeconomic status.