

Rush University
College of Health Sciences

Student Professional and Community Service Requirement

Participation in service activities is an important attribute of the health science professional. A hallmark of outstanding Rush students and alumni is the desire and ability to make meaningful service contributions. Community service activities may include volunteer activities (health fairs and clinics, health education, provision of health services to at risk or disadvantaged populations, and other outreach education or clinical activities) and service on community boards, committees, work groups and other service activities that promote the health and well-being of the community and its members. Professional service may include participation in the provision of state, national or international activities to advance the quality, access and effectiveness of health care services provided by allied health professionals.

Achievement of the College of Health Sciences Excellence in Service Goal is demonstrated, in part, through:

1. Student and faculty participation in community service activities
2. Student satisfaction with and appreciation for community service.
3. Students and faculty who provide leadership and support to professional associations, boards and committees.
4. Provision of community and professional continuing education to local, national, and international audiences.

In order to support achievement of the college's service excellence goals and objectives, the college has developed a professional and community service requirement for all CHS students as a part of their academic programs.

As a requirement for program completion, each academic degree granting program will establish a minimum service requirement for each student enrolled in the program of at least sixteen (16) contact hours of approved professional or community service.

Examples of activities that may be used to meet this requirement include participation in community health fairs, community health screening and/or health services, provision of community health education, participation in approved professional service and/or continuing education activities and assistance with the delivery of seminars, lectures, workshops and related community or professional continuing education activities.

This program requirement will be required for satisfactory course completion for at least one course in the student's prescribed course of studies. As an alternative, the requirement may be listed as a graduation requirement for the program in the catalog and program handbook.

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Professional and Service Requirement
(Documentation of Service Activity)

Student: _____ Service Hours Acquired: _____

The student listed above has acquired professional and/or community service time by their participation in the following activity:

Date of Activity: _____ Title of Activity: _____

Approved by:¹ _____ Date: _____

Verified by:² _____ Date: _____

As a requirement for program completion, each student must complete at least sixteen (16) contact hours of approved community and/or professional service over the course of his or her enrollment at Rush. Examples of activities that may be used to meet this requirement include participation in community health fairs, community health screening and/or health services, provision of community health education, participation in approved professional service and/or continuing education activities and assistance with the delivery of seminars, lectures, workshops and related community or professional continuing education activities.

¹ Activities should be pre-approved by your program director or other designated program faculty member.

² Satisfactory completion of the activity must be verified by a designated faculty member or community/professional service activity provider or coordinator.