

"Hey!! It's Your World.... Change It!"

**Community Service Opportunities for Majors In
BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS**

"Through experiences in and out of the classroom students develop the habit of intellectual inquiry, prepare for challenging professions, strengthen relationships with their communities and contribute productively to society."- CSUF Mission Statement

There is no question that our faculty, staff, and students are actively involved in the Orange County community. The Volunteer and Service Center (VSC) also recognizes the wealth of volunteerism and service in the community. In order to enhance the wealth of the students, the VSC promotes additional community partnerships to build your leadership skills.

It is our civic duty to shift the focus and internal concerns from ourselves and apply our unique individual skills by exploring creatively with others. Community-based learning is a commitment on behalf of the students, faculty, academic programs and institutions to put our knowledge, skills and values to work to identify and address problems that are important to society.

Research shows that there are positive outcomes by participating in activities such as volunteerism and community service. It shows significant positive effects on academic performance (GPA, writing skills, critical thinking), values (commitment to activism and promoting multicultural understanding), self-efficacy, leadership (leadership activities, interpersonal skills), awareness of the world, career goals, and decisions to integrate service into life after college.

An excellent way to complement the academic learning process is through hands-on experience. An ideal way to get this experience is through community service and volunteerism. This involves applying your energy, skills, enthusiasm, and desire to make a difference in your world! The following are just a few examples of how you can get involved in a service project related to your major or career interests:

- **Accounting**

Donate your accounting skills to a non-profit organization, a church/synagogue/mosque, a daycare center, or a homeless shelter; help a non-profit organization set up an accounting software package; visit schools, nursing homes, homeless shelters, and drug rehabilitation centers and give workshops on personal accounting and money management; help residents of a homeless shelter study for accounting courses or the CPA exam.

- **Business Writing**

Donate your time to familiarize students with techniques, strategies, and forms of business writing by tutoring at local high schools. Donate your business writing skills to a non-profit organization, a church/synagogue/mosque, a day care center, or a homeless center.

- **Information Systems & Decision Sciences**

Offer free computer courses to shelter residents, drug rehabilitation participants, and help poll in job training programs; help non-profit organizations set up databases.

- **Finance**

Assist a non-profit organization in setting a budget, developing a financial planning strategy; present workshops in shelters, nursing homes, refugee relief organizations, drug rehabilitation centers on financial planning and investments; volunteer with a non-profit organization that is concerned with issues of economic injustice.

- **Management**

Assist a non-profit organization in improving its management style and organization; give workshops on leadership and management; help a homeless shelter or nursing home better utilize the resources; consult with non-profits on effective leadership and management styles.

- **Marketing**

Help a non-profit group set-up and meet fundraising goals; give workshops for non-profit organizations on marketing and fundraising strategies; help organizations that serve better advertise their services.

- **Economics**

Donate your time to familiarize students with historical events and theories that the economic system is facing by tutoring at a high school or by mentoring; to give workshops for non-profit organizations on historical events at the library. Update senior citizens on current events at Senior Homes.

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**Volunteer Opportunities for Majors In
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There are many ways for you to become involved in community service and gain hands-on experience associated with your major. The following are just a few examples of agencies with service opportunities related to the majors in your college.

U.S. Peace Corps

Regional Recruitment Office

Los Angeles (800) 424-8580, www.peacecorps.gov

Volunteers need a BA or 3-5 yrs. experience in a skill or trade. Volunteers are needed in a variety of work projects, education, agriculture, environmental resources, business and health.

YMCA of Orange County

Tustin (714) 549-9622, www.ymcaoc.org

Provides a safe and nurturing environment for abused children in foster care to make a difference in a child's life by assuming a mentoring role.

Orange County Probation Department

Santa Ana (714) 569-2000, www.oc.ca.gov/probation

Department fights crime in Orange County by supervising adult and juvenile criminal offenders on probation, by conducting investigations for the criminal courts, and by operating institutions for teenage offenders. Volunteers are needed to mentor juvenile probationers, tutor, and get involved with youth in a correctional institute.

Volunteer Center of Greater Orange County

Santa Ana (714) 953-5757 ext. 106, www.volunteercenter.org

Purpose of agency is to offer resources and manpower to nonprofit community as well as help place volunteers into the community. Become a proactive leader in helping to solve community problems and customer needs.

Placentia Library Literary Services

Placentia (714) 524-8408 ext. 213, www.placentialibrary.org

Provides free and confidential basic literacy instruction to adults.

OC Child Abuse Prevention Center

Orange (949) 543-4333, www.brightfutures4kids.org

Break the generational cycle of child abuse and domestic violence, become a mentor.

La Mirada Human Services

La Mirada (562) 943-3739

Purpose of this agency is to serve the social, developmental, recreational, and physical needs of the La Mirada community.

Huntington Beach Seniors' Outreach Center

Huntington Beach (714) 960-2478, www.ci.huntington-beach.ca.us/Residents/Human_Services/outreach_center.cfm

Outreach's goal is to promote self-sufficiency and independence among the elderly. Services include meals-to-the-home, case management, transportation, telecare, etc.

Episcopal Service Alliance

Rancho Santa Margarita (949) 888-5270

ESA's primary purpose is to provide emergency assistance to needy persons in Orange County with food, clothing, transportation

American Red Cross/Orange County

Santa Ana (714) 481-5300, www.oc-redcross.org

Provides HIV/AIDS educational programs to schools, civic organizations, worksites, and health care settings. Become an HIV/AIDS trainer.