



Service Learning at Raritan Valley Community College involves students in organized community service that addresses local needs while developing their academic skills, sense of civic responsibility and commitment to the community. Students perform community service as part of their coursework and receive academic credit for their work. Students reflect on their experiences through journals, essays, research papers, group discussions and in-class presentations. Service learning is offered as either a requirement or an option within all academic departments.

Annual program participation includes the following:

- 1,000 students enroll in service learning courses
- 65 faculty members support and teach service learning courses
- 70 courses offer service learning as an option or a requirement
- 250 community organizations provide service placements
- 30,000 + hours of service are provided to the community

Students serve at many different kinds of organizations—social service and governmental agencies and non-profit businesses. Many of them include pre-school through high school educational systems, after-school programs, nursing homes, adult day care centers, assisted living facilities, museums, libraries, churches, synagogues, temples, court houses, probation departments, youth correctional facilities, consumer affairs offices, YMCA programs, animal and homeless shelters.

The Service Learning Program at Raritan Valley Community College has become a national model of broad and creative student, faculty and community partner involvement and has received many national awards for its leadership in advancing service learning to improve the quality of life for communities. From **2006 – 2010**, the Corporation for National and Community Service named RVCC to the President's Community Service Honor Roll with the following award designations: **Presidential, Special Achievement, Distinction for Service to Disadvantaged Populations and Hurricane Katrina Efforts**. In **2008** RVCC received Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Service Learning Collaboration Award from the Community College National Center for Community Engagement.

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