

IS IT COMMUNITY SERVICE, AN INTERNSHIP OR SERVICE LEARNING?

<p style="text-align: center;">It's Probably Community Service If...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">It's Probably An Internship If...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">It's Probably Service Learning If...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> oThere is little or no relationship between an educator and the community partner. oA number of hours served is a primary outcome oThe service is not intentionally linked to learning from an academic course(s). oThe service takes place separate from a class or intentional learning experience (such as a co-curricular activity) OR oThe student involved in service is in a class that requires the service, but the service is not integrated into the course, reflection is not on-going, there is no partnership between the faculty and community partner. oTasks are important to the agency, but difficult to link to academic learning outcomes (e.g. preparing mailings). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> oThe student is working at the community site a significant amount of time each week (often more than 10 hours). oThe student is registered for internship credit oThe main purpose of the internship for the student is to gain career-related, on-the-job experience. oThe intern may become a member of the staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> oThere is balanced attention paid to the service and to the learning. oAn educator and community agency have created a partnership. They have agreed on the parameters of the student service and on how the service is linked to the academic course. oStudents are engaged in on-going reflection on their service experiences and how they are linked to their academic learning. oThe service is integrated throughout the learning experience and is closely linked to the course learning outcomes. The need or interest addressed in the service is explored in the classroom. oStudents are exploring larger issues of why there is a need for the service, and what it means to be an informed, engaged community member.