

## IS IT COMMUNITY SERVICE, AN INTERNSHIP OR SERVICE-LEARNING?

It's Probably Community Service If...	It's Probably An Internship If...	It's Probably Service-Learning If...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is little or no relationship between an educator and the community partner.</li> <li>• A number of hours served is a primary outcome.</li> <li>• The service is not intentionally linked to learning from an academic course(s).</li> <li>• The service takes place separate from a class or intentional learning experience (such as a co-curricular activity) OR</li> <li>• The 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.</li> <li>• Tasks are important to the agency, but difficult to link to academic learning outcomes (e.g. preparing mailings).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student is working at the community site a significant amount of time each week (often more than 10 hours).</li> <li>• The student is registered for internship credit.</li> <li>• The main purpose of the internship for the student is to gain career-related, on- the-job experience.</li> <li>• The intern may become a member of the staff.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is balanced attention paid to the service and to the learning.</li> <li>• An 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.</li> <li>• Students are engaged in on-going reflection on their service experiences and how they are linked to their academic learning.</li> <li>• The 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.</li> <li>• Students are exploring larger issues of why there is a need for the service, and what it means to be an informed, engaged community member.</li> </ul>