Mission
The mission of the Service Learning Program at High Point University is to engage students in an experiential and interdisciplinary learning experience that promotes their understanding of and commitment to responsible civic leadership.

Service Learning – where service, leadership, and ethics meet for the common good.

Program Overview
The Service Learning Program consists of courses taught by the best High Point University faculty – faculty have to compete and be specially trained to participate in the Program – who partner with agencies in our community that are committed to furthering the common good. The Program places students in volunteer opportunities that are directly relevant to their courses, and all of the courses emphasize ethical thinking and encourage students to enhance their leadership skills by developing projects that benefit the local community.

The Service Learning Program is central to HPU’s mission of offering a holistic and experiential education. Some education simply cannot be taught in the classroom, but it must be caught as students live into their vocations as highly trained professionals who claim their responsibility to help others in the community. The Program empowers students with the skills necessary to discern the problems in their community and create effective partnerships to address them. Our students do more than volunteer, more than offer charity – they help create change.

Service Learning Courses
The Service Learning Program runs a variety of courses across the University, and every year we are adding ten additional courses. If you do not see a course in your field, encourage your professors to apply to offer one. Some of our courses include:

- Political Science: Campaigns and Elections
- Education: Collaboration in the General Education Classroom
- Communications: Strategic Communication Campaigns
- Theatre: Dance and Community Concepts
- Philosophy: Political Philosophy
- Philosophy: Social Ethics
- Philosophy: Biomedical Ethics
- Philosophy: Environmental Ethics
- English: Literature and Community
- Religion: Religion in America
- Spanish: Advanced Conversation
Featured Courses
Biomedical Ethics partners students with the High Point Community Clinic, Health Department, Mental Health Associates, Alcohol and Drug Services, and other agencies to help combat a diverse range of health-related needs. The reading, writing, and discussions students do in the classroom improves their ability to help the partner agencies, and their volunteer work gives them the first-hand experience that helps them gain a deeper understanding of the ethical issues health professionals face.

Strategic Communication Campaigns places students in a partnership with a local non-profit agency to help the agency create a turn-key marketing campaign. As students work with their partner agency, they learn about the needs of the people their agency serves. The students then use that knowledge to create a marketing campaign that helps their agency, and in turn, helps those it serves.

Advanced Spanish Conversation partners with the Latino Family Center of High Point. HPU students work with at-risk Latino High School students to help them prepare their essays, resumes, and applications for college. Through this mentoring partnership, HPU students gain essential Spanish conversation skills that go beyond learning words and grammar – the students gain an in-depth cultural knowledge of the Latino community and its language. In turn they help young people in that community realize their potential and prepare for college.

Our Community Partners
The Service Learning Program is developing partnerships with local agencies committed to the common good all the time. The following are some of our current partners:

- Ward Street Mission
- World Relief
- Piedmont Environmental Center
- YWCA
- Macedonia Center
- Learning Together
- Latino Family Center of High Point
- Salvation Army
- Boys and Girls Club
- Oak Hill Elementary School
- YMCA
- High Point Chamber of Commerce
- West End Ministries
- Guilford County Health Department
- Mental Health Associates
- Alcohol and Drug Services
- Guilford Community Care Network
- Westchester Manor at Providence Place
- Community Clinic of High Point
- Mariana H. Qubein Arboretum & Botanical Garden

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