



Leadership Minor

Applied Leadership Proposal

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Proposal Type:

Internship Service Learning Research

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Year in School:

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

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Start Date: June 01, 2015

End Date: September 20, 2015

Approximate Hours Per Week: 30

Approximate Number of Weeks: 11

Approximate Total Hours: 330

Desired Credit Hours: 10

Please answer the following questions in the space provided below.

Summary of Experience: (What will you be doing during this experience? Please describe in detail what your role(s) and responsibilities will be at the site. Also, list any duties or projects with completion deadlines, if relevant.)

I will be completing a service learning project with the Corvallis Sister City Association (CSCA) to benefit a village in Gondar, Ethiopia. My roles during this project will include working with CSCA staff and volunteers to create, plan, and carry out the service learning project, run some weekly meetings, and prepare for our trip to Ethiopia. Additionally, I will present our project outcomes to CSCA donors post-travel.

Leadership Learning Outcomes: (What do you expect to learn through this experience?)

- 1.) This project will require a lot of my time and focus. Knowing this beforehand I hope to practice effective time management skills.
- 2.) I will have a site supervisor at CSCA who will serve as my mentor as well. I hope to make the most of this relationship in addition to developing and maintaining professional relationships with other CSCA staff members and volunteers.
- 3.) This service learning project will require a team work, collaboration, and consensus building. I hope to improve my communication and listening skills so that I can better assess the desire of the group as a whole as we move forward on designing and implementing our project.
- 4.) CSCA members have a specific approach for weekly meetings and agendas. By running a few meetings by myself I will have the chance to practice leading the team in a specific direction.
- 5.) Since this project has a lot of moving parts, I hope to gain a better understanding of methods for delegating tasks effectively to other staff members and volunteers.
- 6.) While working closely with CSCA staff, I hope to improve my ability to give and receive criticism. I have a hard time with giving criticism and I want to further develop this skill set.
- 7.) Our service learning project will bring aid to a village in Ethiopia. Knowing little about Ethiopia, I desire to grow in my awareness and sensitivity to their culture and country.
- 8.) I believe good leaders have good reflection skills. I look forward to developing ways to reflect on the entire project and experience as a whole.

9.) In the future I see myself working with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds. In order to prepare for my future career as a social worker. I want to learn more about what it means to represent or serve a specific group of people.

10.) Living for a week with other CSCA volunteers and staff members will pose many challenges. I am looking forward to developing my conflict management style.

11.) CSCA's donors have made this service learning project possible and I look forward to presenting the project in its entirety to them after our visit to Ethiopia. The presentation will push me to communicate accurately and concisely because I will only have a thirty minute window.

Personal Development: (How will this experience contribute to both your leadership development goals and your career goals?)

My leadership and professional goals include working with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds and potentially pursuing a career as a social worker. Therefore, the experience of working on a service learning project with the Corvallis Sister City Association is a premier opportunity for me. Specifically, this experience will develop my ability to work with professionals in the service profession, build effective work habits, and encourage me to develop those leadership skills a social work needs in order to serve a diverse population with diverse needs (e.g. cultural appreciation, communication and listening skills, and an awareness and sensitivity to diversity).