Community Service Reflective Essay Assignment

One purpose of the Community Service reflective essay is to give you an opportunity to reflect upon your service experience. Another purpose is to provide you with a way to assess the service experience. The essay must be at least three typewritten pages in length.

Listed below are a series of items to which you must respond as you compose your essay. You may add your own thoughts and observations as well.

1. Explain two or more ways the service experience was beneficial or disappointing.

2. Describe at least one example of the kind of service you would want or not want to do in the future.

3. What previous experience helped you function effectively? What experiences might have made Community Service more beneficial had they occurred before you began your work?

4. Discuss how this experience has confirmed your earlier thoughts or decision-making about an academic major; stimulated or challenged new thinking about setting or changing your academic direction; or enabled you to discover that certain course selections may no longer be appropriate for you.

5. Discuss what you have learned about yourself, your attitude toward work, the people with whom you worked, and their clientele.

6. Describe the skills you have acquired or reinforced.

7. Explain how the service experience was of value to you.

8. Explain how your participation in community service is valued by the organization or its clientele.

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