Service-Learning Designation for Nursing’s Community-Based Nursing Lecture and Practicum Courses

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Texas State University St. David’s School of Nursing recently received a Service-Learning designation (SLD) for the Community-Based Nursing course and practicum. This designation is the first of its kind for the St. David’s School of Nursing. A SLD course in the School of Nursing offers students the opportunity to engage in organized service projects and partner with community agencies and organizations; while completing their Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing. Students will be conducting health information fairs, performing physical and environmental safety assessments for the elderly and developing a community health program.

The Service-Learning philosophy encourages students to use self-reflection as they engage in course activities. Through self-reflection, students gain an understanding of their civic duty and the responsibility nurses have in the community. This understanding will deepen their commitment to the nursing profession. A commitment that is vital to ensuring the health, welfare and safety of communities. The Service-Learning designation is a win-win situation for both students and their community partners.