A solid foundation in service-learning
AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A SERVICE-LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR STUDENTS

COURSE OVERVIEW
This course provides a solid foundation for participants in service-learning as an instructional strategy and classroom tool for engaging all types of learners and promoting academic engagement, achievement, and civic literacy. As the course progresses, participants develop a service-learning experience in which they can engage students that is seamlessly embedded into existing curriculum and meets course goals and objectives.

WHAT CONTENT IS COVERED IN THIS COURSE?
- The two credit course provides an overview of service-learning and participants develop a service-learning plan for engaging students in a quality service-learning project.

MATERIAL EXPLORED
- An orientation to the online learning environment
- An overview of service-learning
- A more in-depth exploration of each of Maryland’s seven best practices of service-learning
- A review of the National Standards for Service-Learning and duration and intensity issues
- An examination of assessment and evaluation strategies
- An exploration of model service-learning experiences
- The creation of a project plan by participants to implement in their own classrooms

MARYLAND’S SEVEN BEST PRACTICES OF SERVICE-LEARNING
1. Meet a recognized need in the community
2. Address curricular objectives through service-learning
3. Reflect throughout the service-learning experience
4. Develop student responsibility
5. Establish community partnerships
6. Plan ahead for service-learning
7. Equip students with knowledge and skills needed for service
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