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# Service-learning: Effectively Transitioning Students Into the Workplace

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## What is service-learning?

Service-learning is a method of learning that is meant to integrate the needs of the community with the academic curriculum of the students.

## Who is involved?

School  
Community Organization  
Student

## How is service-learning implemented?

### Project

Students are assigned the task of completing a project for a community organization who is without the resources to otherwise complete the project.

## Why choose service-learning?

Skills  
Proof of Skills  
Social Connections

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## Introduction to Technical Communication

Students learn the basic principles of effectively structuring information for a variety of purposes and audiences, using an applicable document type. Students will solve various communication problems individually and they will be required to work in teams to complete a research or service learning project.



Photos taken by Yang Li.  
Student shown is Rachel Bean.



"Fixing the world, one piece of hardware at a time."

### Skills

- Technical writing
- Teamwork
- Email communication

### Proof of Skills

- Technical writing
- Collaborative technical writing
- Writing with a stylesheet

### Connections

Online technical writing community

### Project

In Introduction to Technical Communication (TCOM 205) I worked in a team with three other students to complete an online technical manual for a gaming headset.

The completed technical manual allows for people with technical issues with the electronic to repair rather than replace their expensive headset.



## Proposal Writing

Investigation of funding sources, use of government documents for research and evaluation of submitted proposals are among areas covered. Emphasis is on clear, concise writing of individualized student projects.



"Every child is important and should feel that way.

We give them choices when so often, they have none."

### Skills

- Grant writing
- Teamwork
- Face-to-face communication
- Phone communication

### Proof of Skills

- Grant writing

### Connections

Spokane foster care and homeless community

### Project

In Proposal Writing (TCOM 407) I worked in a team with three other students to complete a grant proposal for Teen & Kid Closet.

The completed grant proposal allowed the nonprofit organization to have the opportunity to obtain funds for their first paid worker.



Images from teenkidcloset.org and @teenkidclosetspokane on Instagram