

## **Independent Project Capstone Activity**

## **Re-entry Action Plan for Service**

Independent project participants are required to complete a capstone activity upon concluding their projects. One option for the capstone activity is the **DukeEngage Re-entry Action Plan for Service**. Students who return to campus with an interest in continued service related to the theme of their project should consider the Re-entry Action Plan for Service capstone. Students may design follow-up work on campus or with a partner in the Durham community.

The **Duke University Community Service Center (CSC)** has information on a wide variety of opportunities for community involvement. Most positions require a weekly commitment of 1-5 hours. Community partner organizations provide their own training and some require additional steps before scheduling volunteers. The CSC maintains a searchable database of opportunities and community partners you can become involved with at: <a href="http://community.duke.edu/">http://community.duke.edu/</a>.

Among signature programs run by the CSC, the **America Reads/ America Counts tutoring program** for elementary and middle school students within the Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership Program is the most popular. It allows students to volunteer on a short-or long-term basis.

Alternatively, you may choose to engage in service through any of the **service-learning courses** provided through the Program in Education. Available courses can be found at: <a href="http://servicelearning.duke.edu/">http://servicelearning.duke.edu/</a>

Finally, together with your independent project mentor, you may choose to identify **other service opportunities**. Please note, your service plan should be preapproved by DukeEngage before submitting your Capstone.

If you choose the Re-entry Action Plan for Service to fulfill your DukeEngage independent project capstone requirement, please submit your paper via email to DukeEngage (thomas.n.phillips@duke.edu) and to your project mentor prior to the deadline.

DukeEngage Project Overview				
Describe your DukeEngage independent project (activities, schedule,				
collaborators).				
If your project changed from your original plan, please explain these changes.				
Describe community partner deliverables and your learning outcomes.				
Please complete a mini-SWOT analysis on your DukeEngage independent	Strengths:	Weaknesses:	Opportunities:	Threats:
project.				
Please discuss the project challenges you encountered and how you dealt with				
them.				
Please share your lessons learned and how you might apply this learning to				
future service you are planning.				

Transitioning Back to Campus – Implementing a Plan				
Please provide a broad overview of the type of service you would like to be				
involved with at Duke or in the Durham community (ex: youth development, ESL				
instruction, refugee resettlement).				
Why are you interested in service at Duke or in Durham?				
What skills or experiences do you have to offer to a community partner?				
What skills or experience would you like to gain through your service?				
What have you done so far to prepare for your re-entry to Duke and your				
service continuation?				
How might cultural, ethnic or linguistic differences affect your service and how				
might you address this? (if applicable)				
How do you intend to support your service plan? Resources:	☐ Identify a service opportunity through DOCE-Durham Programs			
1. Duke University Community Service Center	Participate in America Reads/ America Counts			
Contact: Domonique Redmond, Assistant Director for Programs	Enroll in a Service-Learning Course			
E-mail: <u>dredmond@duke.edu</u>				
Phone: (919) 684-4377 Website: http://community.duke.edu	Other (If you intend to create an "Other" service opportunity,			
2. Service-Learning Program	please provide more information in the section below.)			
Contact: Dane Emmerling, Assistant Director				
E-mail: dane.emmerling@duke.edu				
Phone: (919) 668-4134				
Website: http://servicelearning.duke.edu/				
3. Duke Office of Durham and Regional Affairs (DARA)				
Contact: Channa Pickett, Senior Program Coordinator				
E-mail: <u>channa.pickett@duke.edu</u>				
Phone: (919) 684-6296				
Website: <a href="http://community.duke.edu/index.php">http://community.duke.edu/index.php</a> 4. Center for Leadership Development and Social Action				
4. Center for Leadership Development and Social Action Contact: Katie Colleran, Associate Director				
E-mail: <u>katie.colleran@duke.edu</u>				
Phone: (919) 668-4764				
Website: http://studentaffairs.duke.edu/ucae/about-us/teams/leadership-				
<u>development-and-social-action</u>				
Other service opportunity: Provide a brief overview of the service opportunity you have identified. Make an appointment with your DukeEngage advisor to				
discuss your service plan.				
Please include the following information:				
Duke University or Durham liaison:				
Community partner:				
Nature of the service work:				