

SERVICE LEARNING IN ENGLAND

“Would you like to live, learn, work and grow with people in another culture?”

Service Learning in England (SLE) is an SFCC instructional program which combines Service Learning and International Education.

Through a unique, longstanding partnership between Spokane Falls Community College and Community Service Volunteers (CSV), a registered charity in the United Kingdom, SFCC students are placed as volunteers in homes, schools and social service agencies throughout England, Scotland and Wales where they work with disadvantaged children and adults.

In exchange for full-time (40 hrs/wk) service, volunteers receive room, board and personal expenses. See: www.csv.org.uk/ftvol.

SLE literally and completely immerses students in the culture of the United Kingdom and the culture of the disadvantaged. The learning environment in which students find themselves is especially diverse and rich in daily moment-by-moment occasions which necessitate critical thinking and which naturally prompt the acquisition and practice of problem solving skills. Students are automatically engaged in “deep learning”, increasing their competence in communication, caretaking, responsibility, leadership and compassion.

Students learning is fostered and structured by coursework in “British Government and Social Service” (Poly Sci, 280), Cooperative Education, Independent Studies and Online courses.

Credits earned in SLE are college transferable. They satisfy Service Learning, International Education and Cultural Diversity requirements.

SLE students may earn up to 2,000 documented hours of volunteer service, useful when applying for further education or employment.

Students eligible for financial aid may apply it to SLE.

Recruitment for SLE is ongoing but enhanced during early Fall and Spring Quarters when orientation meetings are held and new groups are formed. Each year two groups of SFCC students travel to the UK to participate in SLE. One group leaves in early September prior to Fall Quarter. The other group leaves at Spring Break prior to Spring Quarter.

To participate in SLE students must meet the following conditions:

Be admitted and in good academic standing at CCS

Commit to 6 months to 1 year of volunteer service in the UK

Be 18 years of age on arrival in the UK

Be able to attend class meetings scheduled at the orientation

Possess a valid US Passport

Acquire a Voluntary Worker UK Visa

Acquire an International Students Card, health insurance included

Provide the following for the CSV interview:

1. Statement of Intent
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Completed CSV application with photo
4. Two CSV references
5. Background Check
6. International Drivers License

Pay the program fees on a timely basis, including:

1. Application Fee	\$500.00
2. Full time tuition (1 quarter)	900.00
3. Placement Fee	1500.00
4. Official Birth Certificate	15.00
5. 6 Passport photos	20.00
6. US Passport	120.00
7. Voluntary Worker Visa	160.00
8. Background Check	35.00
9. International Students Card	25.00
10. International Drivers License	20.00
11. Week-Long London Orientation	500.00
12. Round-trip airfare (est.)	800.00
13. London, personal spending money	500.00

Approximate Total \$5095.00

It is possible to spend a year in the UK, living, learning, working and growing for less than it costs to stay at home. Many challenges will present themselves provoking and

promoting learning important to your personal and professional life. Since 1983, more than 400 SFCC students have successfully participated in Service Learning in England. Many students have found the SLE program to be their most important learning experience.

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