

CSAC-A: Community Service Activity Course

DEFINING AN EFFECTIVE CONTRACT

An effective contract engages the student in responsible and challenging actions for common good. Participants in a CSAC-A course should engage in service that they recognize as important. The contract requirements are as follows:

1. Explain the mission of the agency and the social service it provides.
2. Why did you select this agency?
3. What responsibilities will you have and what participation is expected in this placement?
4. List your learning objectives (what you hope to learn).
5. How does this experience reach beyond your previous knowledge or experience?
6. State if you have met (or spoken) with your supervisor and are assured 80 hours of service.

SAMPLE NARRATIVE CONTRACT

I will be working as a Childcare Teaching Assistant at the Children's Center in Dupont, Florida. The Children's Center is a non-profit agency in the city of Dupont. Its mission is to provide child care/preschool education to children of lower income families. I am an elementary education student and feel this experience will help prepare me for the work I have chosen as a profession.

My responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, assisting the instructors with classroom assignments, playing with the children and tutoring children who would not otherwise have this type of individual attention.

My learning objectives for my CSAC placement are: (1) to understand more fully what it's like to work with pre-school children in an educational environment, (2) to learn patience in working with children, and (3) to understand why the children's Center is necessary in Dupont, Florida, and if it's meeting its mission for lower income families.

To this point I have not participated in classroom activities with children nor have I worked with children of lower income families, but I have spoken with the Director of the Children's Center and have been assured that I can serve 80 hours and that training will be provided. I will report to the Director of the Center when dealing with my evaluation and 80-hour expectation.