

Community Based Learning Faculty Fellows Program

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Polk State College is pleased to announce its inaugural Community Based Learning Faculty Fellows program. The program will support faculty interested in integrating community based learning into their courses.

Community Based Learning Defined

“Service Learning programs are distinguished from other approaches to experiential education by their intention to equally benefit the provider and the recipient of the service as well as to ensure equal focus on both the service being provided and the learning that is occurring. . . It is this balance that distinguishes service-learning from all other experiential education programs.”

Excerpted from Andrew Furco's 2006 article "Service-Learning: A Balanced Approach to Experiential Education."

Selection Criteria

Four (4) Faculty Fellows (2 from Lakeland and affiliated centers and 2 from Winter Haven and affiliated centers) will be selected and awarded a stipend of approximately \$2400 (18 points – 72 hours). Fellows will engage in the following activities:

- Participate in a one day orientation and workshop in May 2017
- Develop a community based learning activity or project that can be integrated into a course they are currently teaching
- Implement the activity in their course in Fall 2017
- Present the outcomes of the community based learning activity during a professional development presentation in Spring 2018
- Serve as a mentor to a faculty member in the next Faculty Fellows cohort Spring 2018
- Attend the Community Based Learning (CBL) recognition ceremony in Spring 2018

Program Outcomes

As a result of participating in the program faculty will:

- Identify and implement best practices in community based learning
- Improve student success in their courses
- Promote student retention in their courses

Faculty from all disciplines are encouraged to apply. Please submit your application to CBL@polk.edu for consideration.

**This initiative is coordinated through the Community Based Learning at Polk (CBL@Polk) ad hoc committee. Please email questions to CBL@Polk.edu*

**Please visit the CBL website for more information
<https://www.polk.edu/community-based-learning-cbl/>**