

## **LEAD 2010: Citizenship Through Community Service, Practicum Experience Spring 2020**

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### **Course Description:**

In this course, students examine the relationship between a non-profit enterprise and the local community it serves. Alternative break programs attempt to motivate college students to become active and present members of their own communities. The community issues addressed in this course will be homelessness and poverty, physical health and wellbeing, hunger, rural farming, and education. Students will critically reflect on their experiences through group discussions and journaling.

### **Practicum and Course Learning Outcomes:**

1. Articulate an understanding of the non-profit sector and volunteerism.
2. Gain an understanding of homelessness and poverty issues, within the structure of the La Puente Home, Inc., through readings and direct service and share knowledge gained with others in both written and oral form
3. Identify, articulate, and reflect on one's own values and beliefs of responsible citizenship, describing these in the context of one's own national and cultural backgrounds in relation to others.
4. Understand the mission of various community service organizations.
5. Apply concepts and skills learned to real-world problems.
6. Engage and learn about group dynamics.
7. Utilize knowledge of assessment to improve alternative break program.
8. Develop learning opportunities through facilitation of reflection activities

### **Practicum Learning Activities:**

1. Participate in alternative spring break program March 22-27, 2020
2. Co-facilitate reflection activities
3. Model and engage with student in service while in Alamosa, CO
4. Assist in planning pre-trip meetings
5. Liaison with La Puente Volunteer Coordinator to plan trip agenda and travel logistics
6. Other activities as needed

\*\*\*This experience is only available to students who can commit to the following dates: February 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm-6:00pm, March 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00pm, March 22-27<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-2:00pm

Students graduating in the semester they are completing the hours: 100 hours must be completed by the portfolio due date. Pre-trip planning hours and conclusion assessment is included in this experience.