

VOLUNTEERISM

As a Mercy institution, Gwynedd-Mercy College offers students many opportunities to volunteer within the community. Participating in community service can benefit those in need, as well as help your career development. Volunteering will enable you to:

Help Others

Make a difference in the lives of people in your community. Make volunteering a meaningful experience by dedicating your time and energy to a cause that is important to you.

Gain Experience

Volunteering gives you a chance to get experience in a field you would like to work in and is absolutely something you can mention on your resume.

Develop Skills

Develop many of the skills employers look for: communication, organizational, time management, and teamwork. Volunteering is also a great way to break into a field if you are considering a career change.

Experience Diversity

Meet new people on campus and in the community. Learn to interact with those who are different from you.

Clarify Career Interests

Test out potential career choices before committing to a full-time position in that field.

Improve Job Prospects

Enhance your future employment prospects and enable employers to see that you have developed the skills needed to succeed in your field. Volunteer work is valuable **EXPERIENCE** for your resume!

Network

Make connections with people in the community and in career fields of interest to you. Remember: networking is the #1 most effective job search method.

VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

Use these resources to find volunteer opportunities in your field of interest. If you need any assistance, contact the Career Services office.

GMC Campus Ministry www.gmc.edu/students/campusministry/mercyworks.php

Infolink PA www.infolinkpa.org

Idealist www.idealists.org

College Central www.collegecentral.com/gmc

Volunteer Match www.volunteermatch.org