

Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University



Mercy Neighborhood Ministries

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Transportation	Approximate Travel Time By Car: 30 minutes
Clearances Required	FBI Fingerprints, Criminal Records, Child Abuse, Minors on Campus

Description of Agency/Activities The Mission of Mercy Neighborhood Ministries is to create partnerships and services that respond to the needs of those who are poor in the North Philadelphia community, especially women, children, and persons with special needs. Consistent with Gospel values and the vision of Catherine McAuley, the focus of these ministries is to identify needs which are not being met by other groups, to respond to these needs, to adapt to these needs over time, and to fulfill them in a collaborative and empowering way. There are 3 main programs included in this ministry: Children's Programs: Head Start –Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Student Role in Agency: SJU students would work with learners preparing to take the High School Equivalency Test to gain their certificate. Students could also work as a reading tutor, working with adult learners with low reading skills. Students could also work as computer tutors, working with learners in a one-on-one tutoring session (the High School Equivalency is an on-line test in which learners need to be comfortable with basic computer skills.)

Clearance Requirements: SJU and Mercy Neighborhood Ministries policies require 4 clearances to volunteer at this placement: Criminal Background, Child Abuse History, FBI Fingerprinting and Minors on Campus Training Video. More information on how to complete these clearances is available at www.sju.edu/servicelearningstudents and at Placement Awareness Training.

Orientation: An orientation will be provided the first day of service. SJU and Mercy Neighborhood Ministries policies require 4 clearances to volunteer at this placement: Criminal Background, Child Abuse History, FBI Fingerprinting and Minors on Campus Training Video. More information on how to complete these clearances is available at www.sju.edu/servicelearningstudents and at Placement Awareness Training.