Esperanza Health Center

Service-Learning at Saint Joseph’s University

**Address**
Hunting Park site, 4417 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140.

**Supervisor**
TBD

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**Service Times**
Health Promoter Class: **Mondays or Thursdays** 9:30am-12:30pm
Fit Kicks Martial Arts Class: **Tuesdays**, 3:30-5:30pm

**Placement Availability**
4 students total/ 2 each time slot

**Clearances Required**
FBI Fingerprints, Criminal Records, Child Abuse, Minors on Campus Training

**Description of the Agency:** Esperanza Health Center’s mission is to provide affordable, quality, bilingual primary health care and support services to our patients in Jesus’ name, and to promote the health of the North Philadelphia community we serve. All people in need of health care services are welcome at Esperanza Health Center. In addition to primary care, our holistic services address patients’ spiritual, psychological, and social health needs, and are provided without regard to an individual’s ability to pay.

It is our goal to provide holistic care to our patients across multiple settings. We seek to be a community health resource, and are committed to partnering with other organizations and churches through initiatives such as our Community Health Promoter program. In addition, we serve as a place of training and education for students in the health professions. With renewed hope to see our community transformed physically and spiritually by the power of God, Esperanza’s Department of Community Health and Wellness actively partners with grassroots community leaders, churches, and other likeminded organizations to offer opportunities for community residents to engage in activities that bring renewal to the body, mind, and spirit.

**Student Role in Agency:** Community Health Promoter classes: promote health through conversations or small groups, connect people in the community with medical resources and provide support to persons wishing to improve their health. Students will assist with set-up and breakdown of the Community Health Promoter classes in addition to attending the class and getting to know the community health promoters. Fitkicks is a martial arts class for kids ages 7-14. Students will get to know the youth and accompany youth in the class assisting the instructors.

**Orientation and Requirements:** Students working with the Community Health Promoter will begin Thursday **September 21**. Students working with FitKix will begin October 3 and require completion of PA Child Abuse, Criminal Background, FBI clearances as well as Minors on Campus Training. All students will receive an orientation the first week of service.

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