

Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University

Placement Information

Visitation School

Address: 300 East Lehigh Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19125

Phone: Phone: (215) 634-7280

Supervisor: Sr. Dolores Egner, S.S.J.

Transportation: The Education Department at Saint Joseph's University will provide transportation for students to service.

Service Days/Times: Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-11:30

Placements Available: 6-7 students per day

Description of Agency/Activities:

Visitation is a Catholic Elementary School in Northeast Philadelphia that serves the Kensington/Lehigh neighborhoods. Established in It has a large population of Latin American, Mexican, and Puerto Rican Students. Visitation seeks to foster positive relationships that bring about unity through its diversity. Most of its students are multi-lingual and/or multi-cultural, and the faculty and staff work hard to honor traditions and backgrounds of students while creating a common place for all to come together. For all of its students, Visitation seeks to "address the unique needs of the whole child, recognizing each as a gift from God, and instill in our students a recognition not only of their giftedness but the giftedness of each person. We provide them with the tools and inspiration to be people of faith, life-long learners, and responsible global citizens."

Student Role in Agency:

Students assist in the classroom, providing group work support, individual tutoring or instruction for students ahead of behind the rest of the class, or assistance to the teacher during lessons or activities during the day. Students will primarily be developing relationships with the children in the classrooms where they are placed, focusing not on their academic or behavioral performance in school, but their thoughts, feelings and experiences they share with student volunteers.

Unique Features of Agency:

Visitation provides additional support services to children and families in its community through food assistance, counseling, before and afterschool programming, and sports/interest clubs for students to develop other skills and forms of success.

Orientation & Requirements: The Education Department will facilitate criminal background checks, child abuse clearances, and FBI clearances prior to the start of service.