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***“Welcome, ADN
Educators!”***



American Red Cross Academic Service-Learning Opportunities

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Objectives

- Discuss Academic Service-Learning (ASL) in-person and virtual volunteer opportunities to serve communities with the Red Cross.
- Describe ASL processes and resources for nursing students and nurses in the Red Cross.
- Appreciate the importance of engaging nursing students with national voluntary organizations in disaster response.
- Discuss American Red Cross Nursing and its efforts to build community resilience.



Mission Statement

The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors



Seven Fundamental Principles International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Humanity

Impartiality

Neutrality

Independence

Voluntary Service

Unity

Universality



Nursing and Health Nurse Vision

Ensure a prepared, nimble and diverse workforce of engaged Red Cross nurses and other health professionals enterprise-wide that supports volunteerism across the lifespan and promotes health and resilience within our communities.





Identify ASL
Virtual and In-
Person
Opportunities



American Red Cross

Academic Service-Learning (ASL)



Student Curriculum for American Red Cross Disaster Health Services



- This is a two-part course (3 web-based modules and an online simulation) that provides an overview of the services that American Red Cross Disaster Health Services workers provide on a local or large-scale disaster response.
- Here is a [link to the fact sheet](#).
- The online modules take about 3 hours and the online simulation varies – usually 2-3 hours.

Red Cross High Priority Volunteer Opportunities

Safety First!

- Interested in serving to meet essential service needs in the public? Be sure to review the [CDC](#) guidance for [people who are at higher risk for severe illness](#), consult your health care provider, and follow local guidance. The number one priority of the American Red Cross is the health and safety of our employees, volunteers, blood donors and recipients, and the people we serve.
- [Red Cross Workforce Safety Video](#)

Red Cross High Priority Volunteer Opportunities

- Blood Donor Ambassador
- Transportation Specialist



Red Cross High Priority Volunteer Opportunities

- Shelter Service Associates and Shelter Supervisors



Red Cross High Priority Volunteer Opportunities

- Disaster Health Services Associates and Supervisors



Disaster Cycle Services



- Community preparedness education
- Pillowcase Project for 3rd-5th graders (virtual disaster education)
- Client assistance/ case management

International Services

- Measles & Rubella Initiative Awareness
- Restoring Family Links (casework)



Service to the Armed Forces

- Promote awareness of services
- Client assistance; casework





Academic Service- Learning Benefits

American Red Cross

Students and ASL

- Nursing students (Pre-licensure nursing students or RNs working on their Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate degrees) often need community/public health or leadership experience for their courses
- Discuss specific course requirements



ASL Volunteer (Student) Benefits



- Engage in a mutual exchange of ideas between the Red Cross and the ASL Volunteer
- Strengthen teaching, presentation skills
- Gain course credit while serving the community

ASL Volunteer Benefits

- Support people who need Red Cross services
- Gain hands-on experience in public health
- Promote resilience in communities



Faculty Benefits

- More public/community health clinical or practicum sites (nursing programs)
- Leadership roles in local chapters
- Service on committee and boards
- Local and national recognition



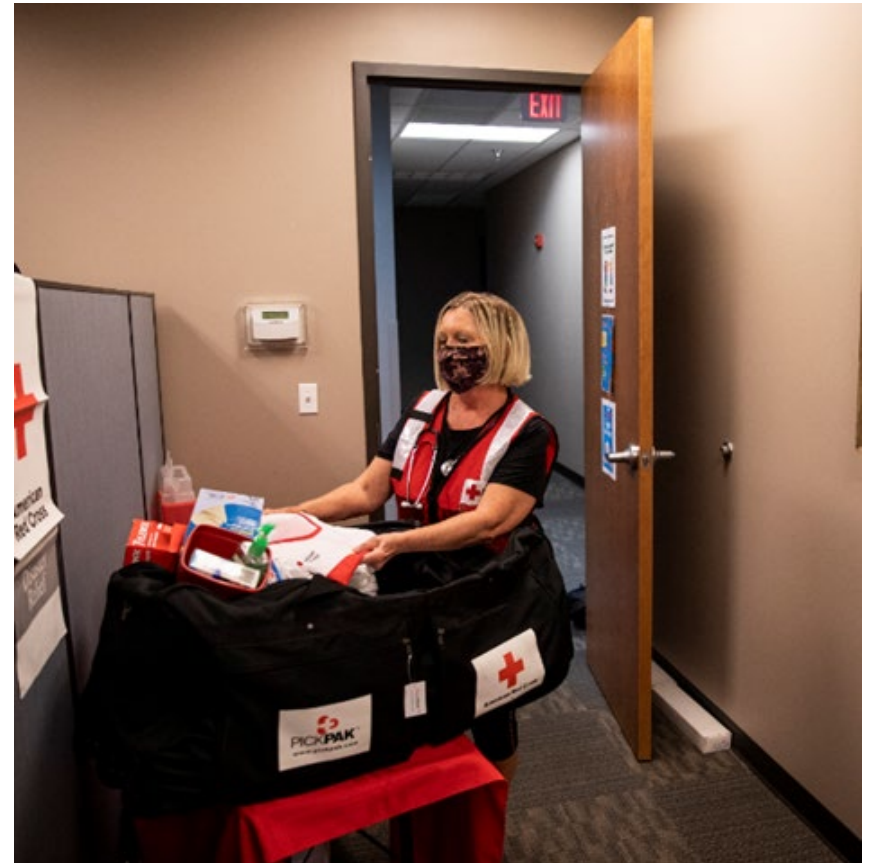
Community Benefits

- Decreased morbidity & mortality due to fires
- Adequate blood supply
- More health & safety education
- Better disaster preparedness
- Strengthened community relationships



Red Cross Benefits

- Increase number of highly skilled volunteers
- Infusion of new energy, ideas & perspectives
- Help meet business line goals
- Prepare tomorrow's civic leaders
- Strengthen community relationships



Faculty Role



- Contact Regional or Local Chapter
- Discuss learning outcomes, Red Cross opportunities & schedules
- Provide nursing/ academic perspectives
- Evaluate students
- Facilitate achievement of Red Cross Regional goals through ASL partnership



American Red Cross Regional Role

- Work with faculty on opportunities and schedules
- Facilitate ASL volunteer experience
- Recognize ASL volunteers for their service



Red Cross ASL Volunteer Coordinator

- Clarify roles with ASL Volunteers
- Facilitate training; coordinate schedules
- Ask questions about ASL Volunteer goals
- Provide opportunities for ASL Volunteers to share their knowledge
- Show appreciation for contributions



Red Cross ASL Volunteer Coordinator

- Complete training (self-study)
- Coordinate schedules
- Ask about ASL volunteer goals
- Enable ASL volunteers to share their knowledge
- Recognize ASL volunteer contributions



Student Roles

- ✓ Complete volunteer application & orientation
- ✓ Obtain faculty support for Red Cross placement
- ✓ Think broadly & share learning goals
- ✓ Reflect on experience
- ✓ Seek out opportunities
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Communicate
- ✓ Log hours



Celebrate Successes!



Thank you!



Resources

- [Red Cross High Priority Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org/about-us/mission>
- [American Red Cross International Services](#)
- Callister, L.C. & Hobbins-Garbett, D. (2000) "Enter to learn, go forth to serve": Service-Learning in nursing education:
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/10860316>
- [Student Curriculum for American Red Cross Disaster Health Services](#)
- [Measles & Rubella Initiative](#)
- [Restoring Family Links](#)
- [International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies](#)

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Questions?