Northern Vermont University's **LEARNING AND WORKING** COMMUNITY

Partnerships Benefiting NVU Students, Vermont Businesses and Organizations, and Local Communities



At Northern Vermont University, we know real learning comes through practice. When students apply classroom learning to real, paid work experiences it becomes relevant, it sinks in deeper. Applied learning has always been part of the education our students receive. With the Learning and Working Community approach, we are taking it further to impact our students in new ways as we partner with businesses and communities throughout the region for mutual benefit.

Learning and Working is a Mutually Beneficial **Community Partnership**

Learning and Working Community:

- Expands applied learning opportunities for students in NVU degree programs
- Reduces the cost of education for students through funding awards and paid employment
- Prepares students for careers through a variety of engaging work experiences
- · Connects Vermont businesses with smart, motivated, and skilled interns and staff members
- · Builds Vermont communities by staffing positions in schools and organizations and businesses that serve the region



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Learning and Working in Action

+ Role: Afterschool Program teacher

Location: The Riverside School

NVU student gains: Direct experience in their field, running an outdoor-based education program for elementary school students, and earns both a stipend to cover college credits for this practicum course and pay for their work by the school district.

Employer gains: Qualified and motivated staff person for a critical position.

Community gains: Staffed high-quality, fun, and educational outdoor afterschool option for children at the local school, introducing children to great experiences in the outdoors where they gain physical exercise and outdoor skills—and fulfill after-school care needs for kids!

Role: Group Leader

Location: St. Johnsbury School's "CatCH (Catamount Community Hours) Fire" Program **NVU student gains:** Training in social and emotional learning and direct experience working to empower young children through lessons and activities that develop their social-emotional skills in this new summer program, as they earn a salary from the employer and a stipend from the Learning and Working fund to cover commuting expenses.

Employer gains: Summer staff person with an education in applied psychology for a key role.

Community gains: Staffed, high-quality free summer program that offers a wide range of activities for children K-8, with a highly motivated college-educated staff person with experience in the field.

-) Role: Community Outreach and Data Entry Staff

Employer: Equality Health Center

NVU student gains: Experience understanding the inner workings of a health center including administrative support, working with the LGBTQ+ community in relation to health and wellness, and experience communicating with the public in person and via social media.

Employer gains: A motivated and highly educated temporary staff person with coursework in sociology, journalism, and digital media to fill a critical public outreach and support position.

Community gains: Staffing to support community outreach for an inclusive center for community health.

Learning and Working is Just Getting Going! Join Us.

Join us as we build a Learning and Working Community that supports us all. Could your business or nonprofit benefit from the help of NVU student interns? Let us know!





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