

Community Work and Learning

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Impact of Work:

I worked as an America Reads tutor this past semester at Roosevelt High School. This position consists of helping High School teachers within their classrooms and working with students. Some of the job responsibilities include communication with the students and teachers, guidance in class activities, and help with schoolwork. I believe this had an impact on the community work and learning because America Reads students help represent St. Catherine University at the different sites we work at, and it also helps to strengthen our community.

Personal Growth:

From this job position I learned many new things such as building my communication skills. Working with High School students helped me develop connections and converse with teenagers that are close to my age. It also helped me learn how to approach teachers and how to become a good teacher assistant within a classroom setting. This was my first time working with High Schoolers, so this experience was all new to me, but I learned that I do like working with students. At the end of the semester, I feel more confident working in High School classrooms after the exposure. Lastly, it is useful that I am close in age to these students because I feel that I can relate to them more and use what I knew from High School to give them tips on how to succeed.

Career Impact:

Overall, the skills that I have acquired from working for America Reads, 2 years and a half to be precise, are going to be beneficial for me to utilize in my future work. For instance, I am on track to graduate with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing in Spring 2023 to become a Registered Nurse. This career requires a lot of communication skills and effective care. My work from America Reads will prepare me for this because I am learning how to talk and work with kids of all age groups. So far, I have worked with ages 5 to 17 years old, and I absorbed all the knowledge and skills it takes to establish personal relationships. Another important skill I learned was helping students accomplish their own goals.