



# Integrating Community Engagement into Courses

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# Session Objectives

1. Introduce the Community Engaged Learning (CEL) Office at Drake and available resources, [www.drake.edu/cel](http://www.drake.edu/cel)
2. Review Drake's CEL philosophy and Social Change Wheel Framework
3. Discuss CEL safety in light of the Covid-19 Pandemic
4. Explore strategies for CEL in a remote or online teaching environment

# Today's Presenter



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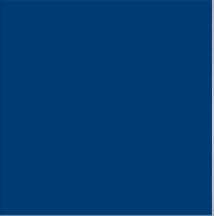
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# Who's here?



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with CEL?

1. Explorer
2. Newbie
3. Practicing
4. Expert

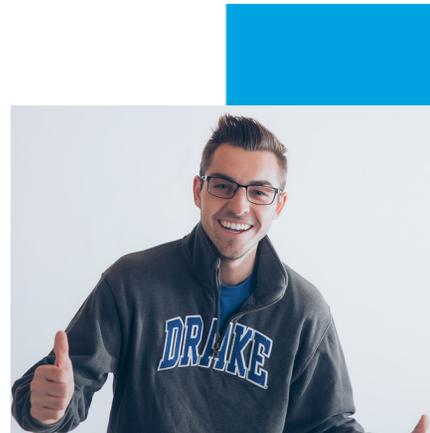


Poll:  
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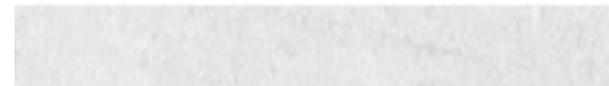
1. Yes
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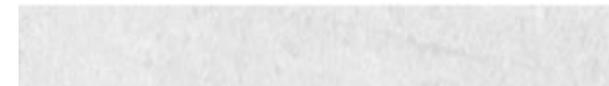
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What interests you about CEL?



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What do you hope to get out of today's session?



# Mission, Vision, & Commitment Alignment



**Drake's mission** is to provide an exceptional learning environment that prepares students for meaningful personal lives, professional accomplishments, and responsible global citizenship.

**Our inspiration** is that together we transform lives and strengthen communities.

**Our Commitment:** Opportunity to Serve



**The Drake  
Commitment**

# Institutional Strategy

## Continuous Improvement



### *Provide exceptional experiential learning opportunities*

- **Commitment Area: Teaching & Learning**  
Providing exceptional learning opportunities and programming to fulfill Drake's mission by meeting the needs of those we serve, including students, alumni, and the many communities of which we are a part.

### *Strengthen Strategic engagement with community partners*

- **Commitment Area: Stewardship**  
Developing and sustaining our resources – human, financial, and material – in order to fulfill the commitments of Drake's mission.



By signing the [Campus Compact Civic Action Statement](#) in February 2016, President Martin affirmed Drake's commitment to the following:

1. Empower faculty, staff, students and partners to **co-create mutually respectful partnerships** in pursuit of a just, equitable, and sustainable future for communities beyond the campus.
2. **Prepare students for lives of engaged citizenship**, with the motivation and capacity to deliberate, act, and lead in pursuit of the public good.
3. **Embrace our responsibility as a place-based institution**, contributing to the health and strength of our communities – economically, socially, environmentally, educationally, and politically.
4. **Challenge the prevailing social and economic inequalities** that threaten our democratic future through our research, teaching, partnerships, and institutional practices.
5. Foster an environment that **consistently affirms the public purpose of higher education**.

# Office of Community Engaged Learning

Established in 2011

## Our Purpose Statement:

*To develop and encourage changemakers who know themselves, understand the complexities of the world they live in, and take creative action to solve problems.*

[www.drake.edu/cel](http://www.drake.edu/cel)



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# PATHWAYS for Civic and Social Change



## Community Engaged Learning & Research

Connecting coursework and academic research to community-identified concerns to enrich knowledge and inform action on social issues.



## Direct Service

Working to address the immediate needs of individuals or a community, often involving contact with the people or places being served.



## Policy & Governance

Participating in political processes, policymaking, and public governance.



## Community Organizing & Activism

Involving, educating, and mobilizing individual or collective action to influence or persuade others.



## Philanthropy

Donating or using private funds or charitable contributions from individuals or institutions to contribute to the public good.



## Social Entrepreneurship & Corporate Social Responsibility

Using ethical business or private sector approaches to create or expand market-oriented responses to social or environmental problems.

## CEL Definition

Community Engaged Learning (CEL) at Drake is an instructional strategy that refers to community activities that are integrated with course content to provide enriching experiential learning opportunities that address the public good.

**As a result of participating in a community-engaged learning opportunity at Drake, students will...**

1. Know themselves
2. Understand the world is complex
3. Take Creative Action – what's next?

## CEL Course Components

**Courses with the CEL attribute contain the following components:**

- **Learning Outcomes:** The community engagement activity is tied to one or more course learning outcomes.
- **Application and Integration:** Guided by their instructor and working with a community partner, students engage with a community issue (local, regional or global), integrating theory and practice.
- **Reciprocity:** The community experience seeks to offer value to the community as well as to the students.
- **Reflection and assessment:** Students intentionally participate in reflection on the community experience (ethical and civic dimensions), the discipline and themselves.

# 1. Start with Learning Outcomes

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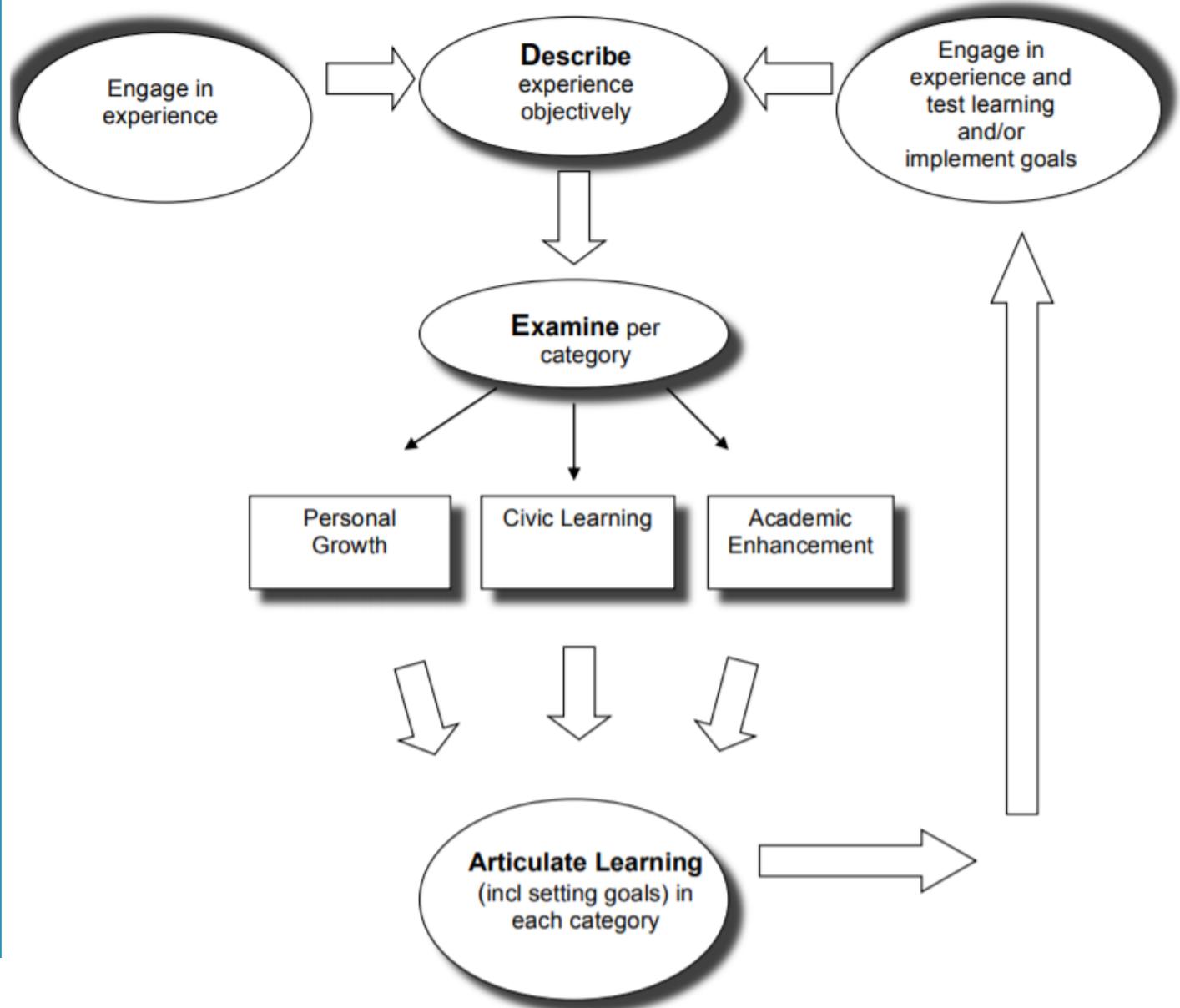
## 2. Identify Community Needs



### 3. Critical Reflection

#### DEAL Model for Critical Reflection

[Ash & Clayton, 2009; various]



See *Critical Reflection* tab at: <http://researchguides.drake.edu/cel>

## Community Engaged Learning- Course Development Rubric

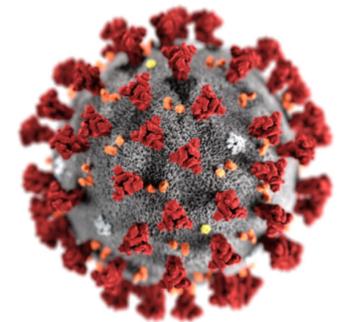
Course Components	Level 1 Introductory	Level 2 Intermediate	Level 3 Advanced
<b>1) Reciprocal partnerships</b> and processes shape the community activities, course design, and community outcomes.	The instructor contacts a community organization to host students and provides a brief overview of the course (e.g., learning outcomes, syllabus) and the purposes of the community activities.	The instructor meets with the community partner(s) to discuss the course (e.g., preparation/orientation of students, learning outcomes, syllabus), and to identify how the community activities can enrich student learning and benefit the organization.	The instructor collaborates with and learns from the community partner(s) as co-educators in various aspects of course planning and design (e.g., learning outcomes, readings, preparation/orientation of students, reflection, assessment) and together they identify how the community activities can enrich student learning and add to the capacity of the organization.
<b>2) Integration of community activities</b> enhances academic content, course design, and assignments.	The instructor includes community activities as added components of the course. The syllabus conveys this information.	The instructor utilizes the community activities as a "text" to provide additional insight into student understanding of academic content and ability to complete assignments. The syllabus describes the relationship of the community activities to learning outcomes.	The instructor integrates the community activities and relevant social issue(s) as critical dimensions for student understanding of academic content and ability to complete assignments. The syllabus provides a strong rationale for the relationship of the community activities to learning outcomes.
<b>3) Critical reflection</b> is well integrated into student learning.	The instructor asks students to create reflective products about the community activities at the end of the semester.	The instructor structures reflection activities and products about the community activities that connect the experience to academic content, require moderate analysis, lead to new action, and provide ongoing feedback to the student throughout the semester.	The instructor builds student capacity to critically reflect and develop products that explore the relevance of the experience to academic content, use critical thinking to analyze social issues, recognize systems of power, and lead to new action. The instructor provides ongoing feedback to the student throughout the semester.
<b>4) Assessment of learning outcomes</b> is used for course improvement.	The instructor articulates the student learning outcomes to the class and assesses at the end of the course.	The instructor articulates the student learning outcomes to the class and uses a measurement tool to assess the community engagement component of the course.	The instructor and community partner(s) articulate the student learning outcomes to the class and use measurement tools to assess the community engagement component of the course and influence on community outcomes.
<b>The following are nice to have, but may not be the focus in every CEL experience:</b>			
<b>5) Civic competencies</b> (i.e. knowledge, skills, disposition, and behavior) are well integrated into student learning.	The instructor focuses on discipline-based content with some attention given to civic learning or development of civic competencies.	The instructor focuses on discipline-based content and connects to civic learning and civic competencies when relevant to the community activities.	The instructor focuses on the integration of discipline-based content with civic learning and civic competencies and emphasizes the relevance of the community activities to the public purposes of the discipline in society.
<b>6) Diversity of interactions</b> and dialogue with others across difference (e.g., racial, ethnic, social economic status, gender, and sexual orientation) occurs regularly in the course.	The instructor, the course, and community activities offer students opportunities for interaction and dialogue with diverse others (e.g., race, ethnicity, social economic status, gender, sexual orientation).	The instructor, the course, and community activities engage students in periodic interaction and dialogue with diverse others (e.g., race, ethnicity, social economic status, gender, sexual orientation), as well as interactions and dialogue with peers across a range of experiences and diverse perspectives.	The instructor, the course, and community activities engage students in frequent interaction and dialogue with diverse others (e.g., race, ethnicity, social economic status, gender, sexual orientation), as well as interactions and dialogue with peers across a range of experiences and diverse perspectives.

Rubric located in the *Getting Started* tab at: <http://researchguides.drake.edu/cel>

# Community-Engaged Teaching During Covid-19...

## Social Distancing, Isolation and Quarantine

- Adhere to the University and community partner guidelines for safety and equity <https://www.drake.edu/coronavirus/>
- Communicate with your community partners and students early and regularly
- Collaborate on changes to student work
- Remain Flexible
  - Adjust the scope of student work
  - Adjust the timeline of student work
  - Adjust the nature of student work



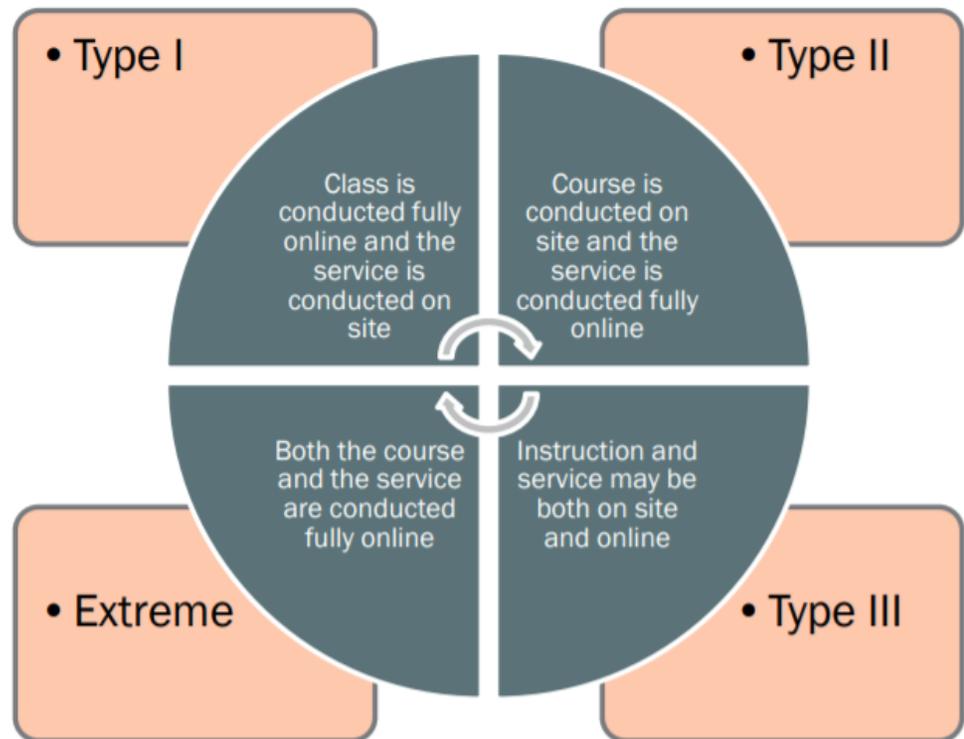
## Resources for Engaged Teaching during Covid-19

- <https://www.xavier.edu/community-engaged-learning/documents/supporting-community-engaged-courses-via-remote-learning-1.pdf>
- <https://ginsberg.umich.edu/article/community-engaged-teaching-during-covid-19>
- <https://socialconcerns.nd.edu/community-based-learning-teaching-and-research-during-covid-19>
- <https://citl.indiana.edu/programs/service-learning/resources-service-learning/CEL%20during%20COVID-19.html>
- <https://iacampuscompact.org/resource-posts/coronavirus-and-the-engaged-campus/>

# CEL and Remote Teaching

## E-SERVICE LEARNING TYPOLOGIES

(Waldner, McGorry, & Widener, 2012).



# Remote CEL Activities

## Looks a lot like Project-Based Learning!

- conducting background research or gathering best practices or other information requested by the partner(s)
- taping, recording, or streaming performances or workshops to benefit community partner(s)
- creating digital and other social media content, print program materials, or other methods for information-sharing
- undertaking assessment, evaluation, or feedback via phone or web-based services;
- offering (or compiling, researching, or brainstorming) strategies that provide indirect support from volunteers as a result of coronavirus
- conducting virtual or phone-based educational supports for youth and adults

## More ideas available at:

<https://www.marquette.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/documents/remote-community-engagement-activities.pdf>

# Community Need: Racial Justice





## Things I will do differently in my class...

- Communicate more frequently with the community partner
  - Establish clear project and communication expectations with the partner organization. Assuming the project will be remote and in-person contact will be limited
  - Create and sign a MOA
  - Engaged partner in more thorough evaluation
- Incorporate more team building between the students to create a sense of belonging
- Set clear expectations with students from the beginning
  - Communication & accountability-articulate how often they should communicate to their partner and faculty member
  - Use a rubric to assist with evaluating the experience

# Teaching Online CEL Resources

- Waldner, L., McGorry, S., & Widener, M. (2010). [Extreme e-service learning \(XE-SL\): E-service learning in the 100% online course.](#) *MERLOT Journal of Online Learning and Teaching*, 6 (4), 839-851.
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- McWhorter, R.R., Delello, J.A. & Roberts, P.B. (2016). [Giving Back: Exploring Service-Learning in an Online Learning Environment.](#) *Journal of Interactive Online Learning*, 14 (2), 80-99.
- Author Unknown. [Online teaching: Incorporating service-learning handout.](#) Indianapolis University Center for Service-Learning & Community Engagement.

## Follow-Up

- Recording and power point will be sent to you
- Email [renee.sedlacek@drake.edu](mailto:renee.sedlacek@drake.edu) with questions
- Schedule a virtual consultation via <http://calendly.com/reneesedlacek>
- Visit <http://researchguides.drake.edu/cel> for specific tools, readings and more!