



Center for Community Engagement  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

## PREPARING YOUR SYLLABUS FOR THE ACE DESIGNATION

Include an ACE statement in the syllabus in which you explain the importance of community engagement. Possibilities used in other classes:

*IN A HEALTH CLASS: In this Academic Community Engagement (ACE) course, you will collaborate with an organization as part of your field experience/clinical placement and explore a variety of ways to interact with your population as you apply your knowledge and skills. It is hoped that you will see yourself as a positive force within the organization and the impact your actions will have on the population you serve in promoting health.*

*IN A SOCIOLOGY CLASS: In this Academic Community Engagement (ACE) course, you will not only learn knowledge and skills, but also actively use them to make a difference in our community to improve the quality of life. This experience, it is hoped, will help you see yourself as a positive force in this world and deepen your understanding of your role as a citizen.*

*IN A NURSING CLASS: This is an ACE (Academic Community Engagement) course. The motto of Sam Houston State University (SHSU) is “A measure of a life is its service”. SHSU is striving to be a nationally recognized university in civic engagement in which its students give back to the community. In this Academic Community Engagement (ACE) course, you will collaborate with an organization (determined by the course instructors) as part of your clinical hours and explore the variety of ways to interact with the population as you apply your knowledge, skills, and that which is learned in the classroom. Students should see themselves as a positive force within the clinical setting and recognize how your actions affect the population you serve. More important, ACE is about fostering civic responsibility in hopes you will understand the value that civic engagement has on the community, and you will continue with those activities after graduation*

*A GENERIC ONE THAT CAN BE EDITED TO FIT YOUR CLASS: This is an Academic Community Engagement (ACE) course in which you will not only learn knowledge and skills, but also actively use them as you collaborate with \_\_\_\_\_ (an organization). This experience, it is hoped, will help you see yourself as a positive force in this world to make a difference.*

When you finalize your syllabus, please send a copy to the Center for Community Engagement at [cce@shsu.edu](mailto:cce@shsu.edu).