



Service Distinction Program Requirements

To Graduate With Service Distinction

- Create an account in cnuengage.org. Click “Get Started” to create an account and select “Enroll in Service Distinction”.
- Attend a program orientation. Watch your email for upcoming orientation information.
- Declare your Service Track:
 - Go to “My CNU Engage Profile” in your cnuengage.org account. Click “Edit”.
 - Choose your Service Track from the “Service Track Options”. Click “Apply”.
- Log service hours in your cnuengage.org account by selecting “Log My Service Hours”.
- Complete at least 140 eligible service hours (See “Hours Requirements” below).
- Complete a Senior Written Reflection. Watch for email with link early spring of your senior year.

Hours Requirements

Use this checklist to ensure your hours are Service Distinction eligible. To ensure eligibility, we recommend choosing a placement with one of our official CNU Community Partners. Go to cnuengage.org and click on “View Community Partners”, or visit the Center for Community Engagement to verify your organization of choice.

- At least 100 of your hours must:
 - Be in the Hampton Roads area
 - Benefit non-CNU community (i.e., on campus) organizations
 - Be within your declared Service Track
- All hours must be completed with a non-profit organization
- The remaining 40 hours can be “flex” hours which include:
 - Additional hours in the local community within your service track
 - Additional hours in the local community within a different service track
 - Service on campus that supports a non-profit organization
 - Work with a CNU Service Club (e.g., American Red Cross, Be The Match, Habitat for Humanity, APO, etc.)
 - Hours spent on an alternative Spring Break/REACH trip
 - Any service done at home over breaks (winter, spring, summer or fall breaks)

The following activities DO NOT count toward Service Distinction hours

- Service on behalf of a private, for-profit company or organization
- Service on behalf of a partisan political organization or campaign
- Pure, scientific research in a laboratory
- ROTC or any other military service
- Activities that support worship and proselytizing within religious organizations, such as service that focuses on religious instruction, indoctrination, or conversion. Examples include: providing childcare in support of a worship service, teaching in evangelical and proselytizing programs, participating in a worship service, and clerical and/or administrative work for the organization.
- PLEASE NOTE:** Service with a religious organization *for the purpose of providing direct community service (e.g., tutoring, mentoring, providing goods to those in need, community justice programs, and crisis intervention)* **DOES** qualify for service hours.

For more information, visit the Center for Community Engagement at cnuengage.org or visit us in the DSU (across from the Captains Locker)