

Through the Netter Center for Community Partnerships, students work with local public schools, communities of faith, and community organizations to help solve critical campus and community problems.

Penn students become involved with the Netter Center in a variety of ways, including academic courses; community service work-study (by applying federal work-study award to community service jobs); academic internships (paid jobs that help coordinate various programs); and volunteer opportunities. All of these activities help students develop as civically engaged, ethical citizens.

Penn students learn from and with the community through democratic partnerships that help contribute to improving the quality of life and learning on campus and in West Philadelphia/Philadelphia. Netter Center programs focus on interconnected social justice issues, such as – education, nutrition, health, environmental health, college access, STEM education, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, non-partisan voter engagement.

Explore the Netter Center's student engagement opportunities <https://www.nettercenter.upenn.edu/get-involved/student-engagement-opportunities>

Take an Academically Based Community Service (ABCS) Course

ABCS courses involve service rooted in and intrinsically connected to teaching, research, practice, and reflection. Students engage in hands-on, real-world problem-solving learning opportunities that help them become active citizens and lifelong learners. Over 70 ABCS courses are offered each year across the University, including:

- AFRC-325-401 / ENGL-380-401: August Wilson and Beyond
- EAS-242-001: Energy Education in Philadelphia Schools
- ENV5-404-301: Speaking About Lead in West Philadelphia
- MATH-123-001: Community Math Teaching Project
- MGMT-353-001: Financial Literacy Community Project
- NURS-375-001: Nutrition Throughout the Life Cycle

For the full list of ABCS course offerings each semester, visit <https://www.nettercenter.upenn.edu/what-we-do/courses>

Volunteer with University-Assisted Community Schools (UACS)

UACS focus on schools as core institutions for community engagement and democratic development. UACS programs involve literacy, science, nutrition, college access, arts and culture, and more. Penn students can engage year-round with kindergarten-12th grade UACS sites in West Philadelphia through work-study and volunteer positions.

To learn more about specific UACS programs, visit <https://www.nettercenter.upenn.edu/what-we-do/programs/university-assisted-community-schools>.

Apply for Community Service Work-study Positions

https://www.sfs.upenn.edu/seo/job_search/job_search.php (Search keyword "Netter Center")

