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WHAT IS COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING?

“I learned how to communicate with others, advocate for student growth, and use cultural humility and empathy to support others.”

Every semester hundreds of Cal Poly Humboldt students apply their classroom studies to hands-on experiences through community-based learning courses. These courses provide students opportunities to deepen their understanding of curriculum by connecting academic concepts to community-focused action. Community-based learning practices promote academic development, personal growth, and professional connections between our students, campus, and the community.

The Center for Community Based Learning (CCBL) facilitates class to community connections. The CCBL supports students, faculty, and community partners throughout the process of course development and implementation.

Redwood Roots Digital Magazine highlights experiences related to community-based learning courses and celebrates the students, community partners, and faculty involved in these practices.

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“This internship is providing me the opportunity to learn how to be effective in community-based work, allows me to network, and apply my academic knowledge to real experiences.”