

ETL 235 The Ethical Life: Moral and Social Responsibility**3 Credits**

The Ethical Life: Moral and Social Responsibility is a sophomore level, three credit course. This course provides students with the opportunity to study the major theories of ethics and social justice, and explore their own values and beliefs, in context of an individual's responsibility to the community. The course is designed to enhance the process of learning and self-exploration by enabling the students to put into immediate practice the ideas they discuss in the classroom. The course is composed of two interdependent elements: a once a week class that meets for one hour to discuss the theories of ethics, community and social justice and a 28 hour community partnership placement where students provide a needed service that benefits the community directly.

ETL 235 The Ethical Life: Moral and Social Responsibility – Site Placements**After School Program:**

Available: Monday through Friday, 3:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cedar Crest students will work with elementary aged students to complete homework assignments. Each day includes special activities as well. **Transportation is provided for this site on Tuesday and Thursday only from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Boys and Girls Club of Allentown:

Available: Monday through Thursday, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This after school program provides a safe, educational environment for children that helps them to develop in areas of fitness, health, life skills, career development, leadership and the arts. Cedar Crest students will assist with mentoring and tutoring girls at the club. Students work with programs such as, Arts and Crafts, Homework Club, and cooking groups. **Transportation is provided for this site.**

Cedarbrook Nursing Home:

Available: Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., limited weekend hours

This placement provides students with the opportunity to work with residents of the nursing home by creating one-to-one relationships. Students also play a special role in providing an extra degree of care and friendly interaction through visiting, taking walks and aiding with activities.

Community Bike Works:

Available: Monday through Thursday, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This agency provides inner city children with meaningful work ethic alternatives to gangs, drugs and the streets. Cedar Crest students will be working with inner city boys and girls ages 9 to 17 in a one to one tutoring environment. **Transportation is provided for this site.**

Da Vinci Discovery Center:

Available: Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., limited weekend hours

This agency is a science center that encourages learning through the inquiry method. Cedar Crest students will be assisting visitors in exploring the science center, encouraging children to investigate science concepts, and provide tours for groups.

Daybreak Transitional Center:

Available: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Daybreak is a drop-in center for persons who are, or have been in treatment for mental illness and/or chemical use/abuse, HIV/AIDS, as well as the elderly. The purpose of the agency is to prevent homelessness and promote healthy living by offering basic services, self-sufficiency programs and supportive counseling. Cedar Crest students will interact with these members in a stable and comfortable environment by assisting in daily program operations. Please note that this site is closed on Mondays from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. due to weekly staff meetings.

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital:

Available: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., limited nights and weekends

Good Shepherd is a rehabilitation hospital for profoundly disabled adults. Cedar Crest students will assist wheelchair-bound residents during activity periods, and may accompany them on weekly field trips.

KidsPeace “TeenCentral.com”: (this site is only available for SAGE students)

Available: Sunday through Saturday, 24 hours

TeenCentral.com is a unique website developed by KidsPeace that connects teens around the country and throughout the world. TeenCentral.com provides teens with a wealth of problem solving resources, and offers support, direction, and guidance on an international level. Because of TeenCentral.com’s tremendous success, we are looking for volunteers to counsel teens online. ***This option requires your attendance at a mandatory training tentatively scheduled for a Saturday at the beginning of the semester. If you do not attend the training, you will not be able to continue with this as your site placement. By registering for this site, you are committing to the training as well as the approximately 40 hours of work to be spread throughout the semester. Since this site offers enormous flexibility from your home computer, it requires the commitment of an entire semester.**

Luther Crest Retirement Community:

Available: Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.,

Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cedar Crest students will work with residents of Luther Crest in the Health Care Center and Assisted Living facility through visiting, assisting with activities, and transporting residents to various events. Students may also be asked to escort residents to off-campus doctor appointments or activities. Transportation for the off-campus doctor appointments is provided by Luther Crest.

On-going Placement: Students currently performing hands-on work at a non-profit agency may request to have that site considered as their Ethical Life Site Placement. In order to register for this site, you must complete an application from the Ethical Life Coordinator and gain approval from a committee of faculty and staff.

Phoebe Home Nursing and Rehabilitation Center:

Available: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., limited nights and weekends

This agency is a not-for-profit nursing home with skilled care, assisted living, a dementia unit and a range of rehabilitation services including short term and outpatient care. Cedar Crest students will be helping with resident transports, activities helpers and social visitors.

Roosevelt Elementary School:

Available: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for After School Programming

Roosevelt Elementary School is a community school that combines the best educational practices of a quality school with a wide range of vital in-house health and social services to ensure that children are physically, emotionally and socially prepared to learn. Students will be working with elementary school students in after school programs such as Fitness Fusion, Homework Club, Math Club, Writing Club, and other various family fun night events.

Trinity Soup Kitchen:

Available: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Trinity Soup Kitchen in Bethlehem offers meals on-site to the less fortunate members of the community. Cedar Crest students will have the opportunity to assist with meal preparation cooking, serving and cleaning of the noon time meal as well as interacting with the guests.