

# Postgraduate Degrees



# Innovation in Education: Service-Learning



Service-Learning is a method of teaching and learning that combines rigorous academic study with voluntary community service. The service performed by students illustrates and reinforces their academic study through the thinking process of critical thought and self-reflection. Service-Learning involves not only students, but also different stakeholders, such as program coordinators, students, service agencies, course instructors and service targets. Hence, the whole community benefits from the program. Service-Learning is conducted based on three important philosophies:

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- Serving others to serve ourselves
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## Service-Learning at Lingnan University

Echoing Lingnan University's long-standing motto, "Education for Service", the Office of Service-Learning (OSL) is devoted to fostering student-oriented learning and whole person development, especially in joint-effort with academic scholars and community leaders to enhance student learning through serving the needy. Through doing Service-Learning (S-L), students can apply what they have learnt from classes and contribute to society.



## Connecting with Care & Sincerity: Lingnan students' engagement in the local community

Funded since 2006, OSL has been promoting S-L at Lingnan University and strived to provide diverse learning experiences to Lingnan students. Under the joint-efforts of faculty members and community partners, the number of students participating in Service-Learning has increased from 312 in 2006/07 to over 440 in 2008/09 (Table A below), a 41% increase within three academic years.

Faculty \ Year	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Business	171	131	140
Social Sciences	90	96	135
Arts	12	9	68
SLP101*	0	15	7
<b>Total number</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>350</b>

Table B: The no. of students participating in SLRS in different faculties from 2006/07 to 2008/09



Streams of Service-Learning program at Lingnan \ Year	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Service-Learning and Research Scheme	273	251	350
Community Service-Learning Program	30	141	70
International Service-Learning Program	9	31	25
<b>Total number</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>445</b>

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## Partnering Organization and Units

- ABWE Lai King Baptist Church Bradbury Elderly Centre
- Angela Luk's Education Foundation Ltd.
- Caritas Community Development Service
- Castle Peak Hospital
- Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
- ELCHK Kwai Chung Elderly Service Centre
- Elderly Commission
- Evangelical Lutheran Church Hong Kong - Youth Employment Service
- Evangelical Lutheran Church Hong Kong (ELCHK) - Tin Shui Wai Integrated Youth Service Centre
- Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong Social Enterprise
- Fantastic Ladies' Cafe, the Free Methodist Church of HK Social Service Division
- Fu Jen Catholic University
- Green Wise
- Harvest Organization - The Institute for Integrated Rural Development, Hong Kong (IRD)
- Hebhorn Holistic Association
- HKLS Harmony Garden Lutheran Centre for the Elderly
- HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre
- Hong Kong Airport Authority
- Hong Kong Arts Festival Society Ltd.
- Hong Kong Centre for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

- Hong Kong Christian Council
- Hong Kong Police Force - Police Community Relations Office, Tuen Mun District
- Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association
- Hospital Authority - New Territories West Cluster
- International Social Service (Hong Kong Branch)
- Ju Ching Chu Secondary School (Tuen Mun)
- Ju Ching Chu Secondary School (Yuen Long)
- Kwai Fong's Tai Chi Class
- Labour and Welfare Bureau
- Law's Charitable Foundation
- Life in Harmony Limited
- Lingnan Dr. Chung Wong Kwong Memorial Secondary School
- Lingnan Education Organization
- Lingnan Foundation
- Lingnan Hang Yee Memorial Secondary School
- Lingnan Primary School
- Lingnan University Hong Kong Alumni D.S.S. Primary School
- Lok Sin Tong Chan Lai Jeong Kiu Social Centre for the Elderly
- MTR Corporation Limited
- New Territories Association of Societies (Community Services) Foundation Limited (Fung Lin Service Centre)
- Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- Radio Television Hong Kong Radio 5
- Renmin University of China

## We Care & We Share: Engaging the academia

In light of the achievement of Service-Learning programs at Lingnan, "Service-Learning & Research Scheme: The Lingnan Model", the first SLRS Manual is available in both English and Chinese. To further convey S-L as an innovative pedagogy to other parts of the world, OSL and the New Horizons in Education, Journal of Education of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association will launch a Special Issue [Vol.57, No.3] on Service-Learning in December 2009. Director of OSL, Prof. Alfred Chan, serves as the Guest Editor of the Special Issue. This Special Issue would be the first journal with specific themes on S-L and help to promote S-L in higher education within the academia.

## Uniting Social Capitals for a Global Society - Partnership with local and international institutions

OSL has built up partnerships with local and overseas organizations and institutions to foster intercultural connections and accomplish Service-Learning goals. One of our strongest supporters and partners, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu CPA Ltd, has worked with us to promote Corporate Social Responsibility in Hong Kong and China through adopting the village of Gezhangla in Yunnan province of China since 2006. This village adoption project has successfully connected OSL/LU and Deloitte with Hong Kong Christian Council, as well as institutions and local government bodies in Yunnan

including Yunnan Nationalities University and Wu Ding No. 1 Secondary School, Wu Ding Education Bureau, Gao Qiao Township Board and Village Committees.

In addition to our strong partner, Deloitte, as of 2008/09, OSL has established partnerships with over 60 local organizations, including MTR Corporation Limited, Wofoo Social Enterprises, Lingnan Education Organization, Social Welfare Department, St. James' Settlement, Salvation Army, NAAC, AYP, Boys' Brigade, Elderly Commission, Labour and Welfare Bureau and schools etc. After hosting the 2nd Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Service-Learning in Lingnan University in June 2009, OSL's partnership network with international institutions has greatly expanded. Over 20 international partners, including Lingnan Foundation, United Board, Volunteer in Asia, Fu Jen Catholic University, Renmin University of China, Sun-Yat-sen University, Stanford University, University of California (Los Angeles) and University of California (Berkeley) are now working closely with OSL.

S-L has been spreading rapidly and is increasingly being adopted in higher education in the Asia-Pacific region. Being an active and experienced S-L practitioner, OSL will continuously strive to become a leading provider of S-L both locally and internationally, as well as build strong partnerships with various institutes and unite social resources for a better global society.

For more information: <http://www.Ln.edu.hk/osl>

- Tuen Mun District Women's Association
- Tuen Mun Hospital
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals - Mrs. Wang Li Ming Tzun
- Tsun Wan Neighborhood Centre
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals - Tai Tung Pui Care and Attention home
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals - Tai Tung Pui Dac cum Hostel
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals - Tin Shui Wai Integrated Services Centre
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals - Tseng Choi Street's Youth Centre (Work in Progress)
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals - Y.C. Liang Memorial Home for the Elderly
- TWGHs Mr. & Mrs. Kwong Sik Kwan College
- United Board
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- Volunteer in Asia (VIA)
- Wofoo Social Enterprises
- Women Service Association
- Wu Ding No. 1 Secondary School
- Yan Chai Hospital No. 2 Secondary School
- Yunnan University
- Yunnan University of Finance and Economics
- Zi Teng