



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

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## **Prior Experience: Volunteer Service Application Information MPA, MSES, MPA-MSES, & MES Students**

The O'Neill School has a partnership with **Peace Corps**, **AmeriCorps**, and **Teach for America** that allows prior volunteers with these organizations to receive a credit reduction and waiver of the experiential component (if required by your degree). Students who have significant prior volunteer experience with other organizations should fill out the Professional Experience application.

**Students qualify for a reduction of 3 credit hours per year of service up to a maximum of 6 credits.** Your service also satisfies the experiential component if that is required for your degree.

Students are subject to their program's limits for Prior Experience credit reductions, which includes professional, military, and volunteer experience or any combination of these.

You should carefully plan the balance of your program with an advisor in order to utilize the full benefit you qualify for. Students must apply within the first 24 credit hours of the degree program or credit will be denied.

*Students pursuing an outside dual degree program in which the total credit requirements have already been reduced (e.g., MPA-JD, MPA-MA, etc.), are not eligible for Prior Experience credit reductions.*



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Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Service Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Description of service/course (location, responsibilities, etc.)

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**Proof of service (supervisory statement on organization letterhead) demonstrating the dates of service is also required.**

\_\_\_\_ I petition for a 3 credit hour reduction based on 1 year of experience.

\_\_\_\_ I petition for a 6 credit hour reduction based on 2 years of experience.

*In addition to the credit reduction, your service will waive the experiential component (if required for your degree).*

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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MPO Signature

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Date

**Please submit this form to the O'Neill Graduate Advising Office in A305 or [agoneill@indiana.edu](mailto:agoneill@indiana.edu) for the MPO signature.** You will receive an email with the outcome of your request within a few business days.

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