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# Undergraduate Certificate – CITIZEN SCHOLAR
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Service-Learning & Community-Based Research
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**Citizen Scholar - Undergraduate Certificate (608A/33.0104)**
Appalachian State University encourages students to look beyond the boundaries of the classroom through a variety of civic engagement opportunities. The Citizen Scholar certificate program honors students who have participated in a significant number of service-learning courses throughout their collegiate career and have distinguished themselves by demonstrating an outstanding level of commitment to civic leadership and social responsibility.

REQUIREMENTS - Students completing the Citizen Scholar certificate program must:

1. Meet all requirements for graduation with a 3.0 GPA or higher.
2. Complete at least four (4) ACT-sponsored service-learning and/or community-based research courses (12 semester hours of credit). Not all courses need be related to a student's chosen major or minor.
3. Compile a portfolio of assignments done in service-learning courses, as well as final reflections from those courses.
4. Participate in one of the following service-learning capstone projects in their final year at Appalachian State University:

- Take the Public Service Research Program course, or an independent study, to complete a community-based research project that includes field work, a written report, and an action plan.
- Participate in a long-term International Service-Learning experience, of at least 3 semester hours of credit and/or 6-8 weeks in length. Students will be required to write a final paper reflecting on their experiences and addressing how future students may contribute to that community based on its needs, population, and the agency with which they worked.

Students should consult with their major advisor and with the ACT office on ways in which the service-learning capstone project may be integrated into the capstone required for their major.

HOW TO APPLY:

- The semester before you plan to graduate, complete the CSCP Application and send it via email to Dr. Clark Maddux, Director of Service-Learning, at madduxhc@appstate.edu. **Important Deadlines - For December Graduation: January 15; For May/August Graduation: September 15.**
- Turn in your service-learning portfolio prior to Fall/Spring Break of your final semester. This portfolio will be read by a team of faculty, staff, students, and community partners.

ALL CITIZEN SCHOLARS WILL BE RECOGNIZED WITH A:

- Certificate at the ACT Celebration in April
- Designated stole at commencement
- Note on the academic transcript.

For more information and for details on how to apply, visit: www.act.appstate.edu/citizen-scholar