

Service Learning Leads to Career Success

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Chris shares his service learning experience with us by stating, “Through service learning projects at CTC I have grown significantly as an individual and a future COTA. Through the programs I was able to work with the United Way of Atlanta, provide help with special projects for adults requiring special assistance, and as incredible as it still seems to me, working with McKenna Farms Therapy Services. When I began working with McKenna Farms I had planned on completing service for 20 hours. Those 20 hours turned into shadowing with several Occupational Therapists and a speech therapist that have helped mold and remold my ideas about Occupational Therapy and plans for my career in Occupational Therapy. Those few service learning hours have led to over two-years of working with pediatric patients in the specialized fields of Equine Therapy (Hippotherapy) and therapeutic riding as used by OTs. I have watched as children have moved from low-ability to improved ability and greater independence. I have seen the joy in parents and care-takers’ faces as children who have been told “no you can’t” to

“yes they do!” I would have never even known that McKenna Farms existed if not for CTC service learning, and my life is so much fuller because of McKenna and CTC.”

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