



University of New Haven

# COMPETENCY LEARNING EXPERIENCE

## WHAT IS CLE?

The Competency Learning Experience (CLE) is a student development framework within the Division of Student Affairs, focused on engaging and developing students in six targeted competencies. The framework provides each department the tools to educate and develop students in conjunction with departmental missions and initiatives.

The CLE framework is designed to prepare individuals to lead successful lives as students, citizens, and professionals, both during their academic course of study and after, with a special focus on their career success. It is grounded in research and academic study in competency-based education, and is pedagogically driven to develop students in skills and competencies that are the foundation for academic, personal, and professional success.

**Do you feel out-of-classroom activities add value to your education and marketability to employers?**

**50%** STRONGLY AGREE

**34%** MODERATELY AGREE

**What experiences at this institution have helped you most in developing the skill of working in teams?**

**53%** OF THE RESPONDENTS REPORTED THAT IT WAS CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(organizations, campus publications, student government, Greek life, intercollegiate/intramural sports, or academic groups/honor societies)

"At the University of New Haven, I was exposed to a slew of different people and views that I might have never encountered back home, thousands of people with unique perspectives on life. Going through the CLE experience as a student in a service learning class, a Resident Assistant on campus, and a President's Public Service Fellow in New Haven, I obtained the tools I needed to educate myself on the global and cultural issues that permeate society today so that I am now able to discuss many of them in an informed and respectful manner."

**NADINE HUDSON '17, Forensic Science**

**Leadership Position:** Resident Assistant

"One competency that I have grown in the most would be Global and Cultural Awareness. I have grown by interning at IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services) in New Haven. Working with refugees has taught me a lot about communicating with people of differing backgrounds, as well as the importance of accepting people from all areas of the world. My growth in this competency will help me in my future career goals by allowing me to be able to interact with anyone no matter where they are from and be able to be an advocate for people around the world."

**ASHLEY DISCANIO '18, National Security and Global Studies**

**Leadership Positions:** Academic Peer Mentor for Winchester Hall, New Member Educator for Alpha Phi Omega, Student Conduct Board Member

"The Competency Learning Experience provided me with the opportunity to professionally develop essential skills needed to be successful. Through involvement, educational programs, and leadership roles on campus, I had the ability to discover my strengths and encounter my weaknesses, revolving around the six targeted competency focus areas. Through the CLE, I obtained strength-based and transformative leadership, educating others on how to work hard to turn ideas into reality, speak up so their voice is heard, and be globally and culturally aware of our diverse student population understanding how world issues may affect society and people's lives."

**COREY WILSON '17, Music and Sound Recording**

**Leadership Position:** Orientation Coordinator

