



# All Things Ignatian



## An Ignatian World View through Service-Learning in the Dental Sciences

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An Ignatian world-view can be introduced to health science students through the teaching and learning of Ignatian values.

### Course Description

Senior dental students participate in a service-learning rotation and reflect on the Ignatian values of:

- *Magis*
- *Cura Personalis*
- *Finding God in All Things*
- *Faith that Does Justice*
- *Men and Women For and With Others*

Self assessment toward a disposition of Ignatian values includes reflection questions using Ignatian pedagogy framework of context, experience, reflection, action and evaluation.

### Research Design

- Qualitative pilot study using a unique case orientation.
- Cross-case analysis: comparative analyses with discovery of themes.
- Careful document review and coding of reflective journals.



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### Reflection Questions

1. Describe one feature of public health dentistry.
2. Recognize an Ignatian value in yourself or others.
3. What difference did this experience make for you and/or others?
4. What do you want others to know about a community health center?
5. What are some of the pressing needs among the population?
6. Have you identified areas for future service and leadership?
7. Has this experience helped you clarify your career goals?

### Results

*Magis* and Understanding Public Health

“Public health serves the entire community as a patient rather than only the individual”

*Cura Personalis* and Gratitude

“...It helped me realize how real and debilitating dental pain can be and it helped me develop more compassion for my patients.”

“I am grateful I had the opportunity to make this mistake...with someone watching over me and the patient, helping me and teaching me.”



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