About the Sponsor

PACT was established and is administered by the Duquesne University Michael P. Weber Learning Skills Center housed in the Administration Building. The Center coordinates virtually all University’s tutorial programs and services. In addition, to academic counseling and services for students with disabilities, the MPW Learning Skills Center administers the University’s Act 101 program, the Summer Institute, and the University Success Courses.

Opportunities to serve on campus and in the larger Pittsburgh community are available both fall and spring semesters.

For more information on the MPW Learning Skills Center and our services, please visit us on-line at: http://www.duq.edu/learning-skills.

P.A.C.T
A Service Learning Program
What is Service Learning?
Service learning combines college coursework with community service to create a unique learning experience that encourages students to apply classroom theory to real world situations. Because it is an experiential approach to education, service learning allows college students to earn course credit by sharing their skills, training and expertise in ways that are both substantive and rewarding.

What is P.A.C.T.?
Program for Academic Coaching Through Tutoring (PACT), Duquesne University’s first service learning program, was established in 1989 by the Michael P. Weber Learning Skills Center. Initially organized to provide afterschool and Saturday morning tutoring to children residing in the Hill District, PACT expanded throughout the city of Pittsburgh and surrounding communities in 1997 when an infusion of federal funds allowed the inclusion of in-school and afterschool tutoring.

Since its inception, Duquesne University students have served as PACT tutors and are noted for their sincere commitment to the children who come to them for learning support. Duquesne students tutor for credit, as volunteers and as college work-study recipients. All acquire service learning experience by sharing their training, skills and expertise with the clients of an existing community-based organization.

More than 700 students served since 1990.

Where Can I Serve?
Trained Duquesne University students serve in the three divisions of the PACT:

Saturday PACT is the centerpiece of the PACT service learning initiative. It has served Pittsburgh area elementary, middle and high school students and their families for the past 25 years. Participants are identified by their school principals to receive tutorial assistance on campus in reading, math, English composition, social studies and the sciences. Since its inception, more than 700 students have been served.

Evening PACT is the division of PACT that serves Pittsburgh area elementary, middle and high school students on and off the Duquesne University campus weekdays afterschool between the hours of 4pm and 8pm. Tutors provide assistance in reading, math, English composition, social studies, and the sciences. Since its inception in 1990, more than 500 students have been served.

Sr. Thea Bowman PACT coordinates an annual spring semester campus tour for 8th grade students enrolled at Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic Academy. Following a luncheon hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Thea Bowman students spend an afternoon on the Duquesne campus touring the facilities, meeting with student leaders and faculty, and exploring various schools, majors and careers.

Sr. Thea Bowman PACT also coordinates an annual Career Day held at Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic Academy. Pittsburgh area professionals and Duquesne University students, faculty and staff participate in a half-day program. Since its inception in 1992 at Holy Rosary Elementary School, more than 700 students have been served.

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Testimonials

“PACT has been a very good experience for me.”
-Jordan Bullard, Tutee

“PACT has influenced me to further my education: it’s either college or cosmetology school.”
-Lexie Jones, Tutee

“My favorite part of tutoring is getting my work done and learning new things.”
-Chanice Curges, Tutee

“PACT tutoring is more than just a job … tutors serve as role models and are important people in the lives of the kids.”
-Heather Smith, Tutor

“Being a role model and an inspiration for my students has been the most exhilarating experience.”
-Tanya Lehman, Tutor

“I am proud to be a part of PACT and to be involved in these children’s lives and education.”
-Julie Carnahan, Tutor

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve.”
-Dr. Martin Luther King