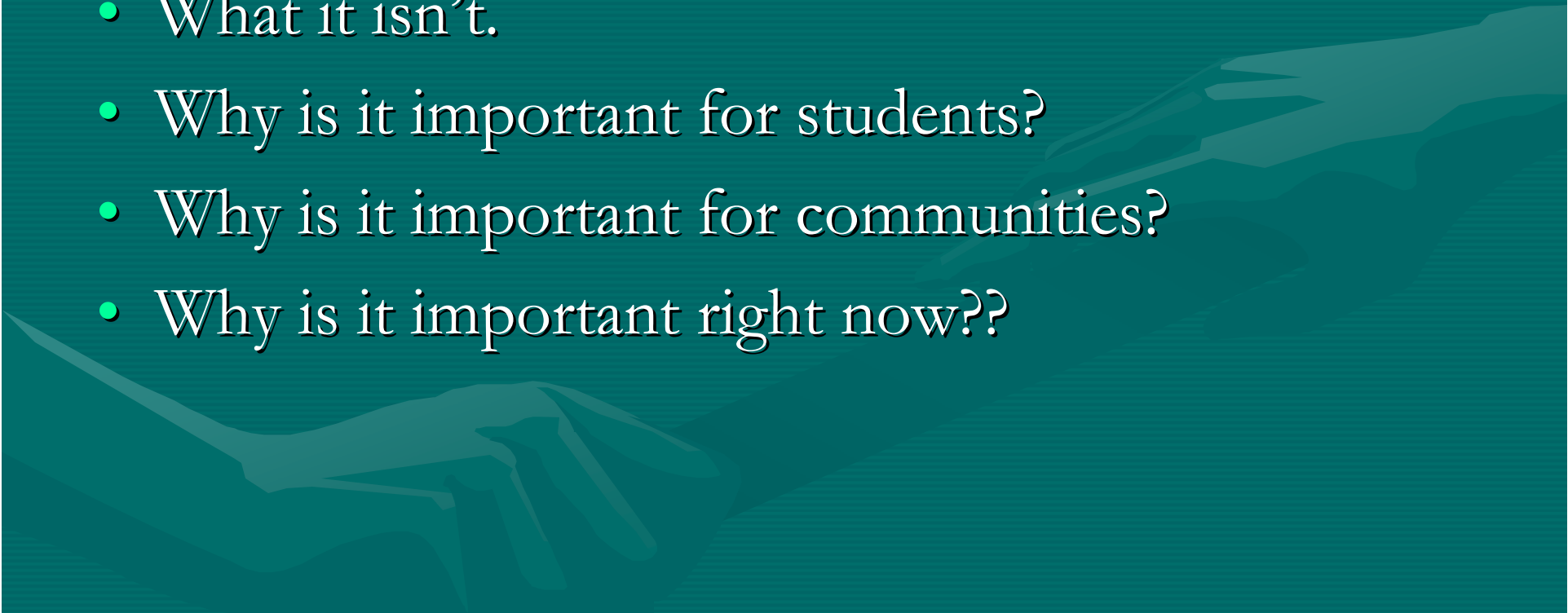


# Service Learning

- What is it???
  - What it isn't.
  - Why is it important for students?
  - Why is it important for communities?
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# What Is It???

- Service Learning is a form of experiential education where learning occurs through a cycle of action and reflection as students work with others through a process of applying what they are learning to community problems and, at the same time, reflecting upon their experience as they seek to achieve real objectives for the community and deeper understanding and skills for themselves.

Source: [www.servicelearning.org/welcome\\_to\\_service-learning/service-learning\\_is/index.php](http://www.servicelearning.org/welcome_to_service-learning/service-learning_is/index.php)

# What It Isn't.

- Volunteerism-the performance of formal service to benefit others or one's community without receiving any external rewards.
- Community Service-volunteerism that occurs in the community—action taken to meet the needs of others and better the community as a whole.

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# Community Service Example

- If students remove trash from a streambed, they are providing a service to the community as volunteers.



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# Service Learning Example

- When students remove trash from a streambed,
- Analyze what they found,
- Share the results and offer suggestions for the neighborhood to reduce pollution,
- And then reflect on their experience

**THAT is service learning!**



# Why is it important for students?

- Applying knowledge obtained in classroom to influence community
- Improve academically
- Improve socially by becoming aware of the needs in community
- Improve professionally by working with colleagues, organizations, and public
- Reflection allows students to express feelings about themselves, community, career path, goals, desires to more public service and so on....

# Why is it important for communities?

- Gives knowledge and resources to improve wellbeing
- Establishes partnerships with students, universities, and service organizations
- Important outlets for reporting needs, commenting on existing programs, and opportunities for directing programs to benefit community
- A way for community to work together as an organized, unified group

# Why is it important right now??

- Creating Community-Responsive Physicians,  
“The Changing Health-Care System and Expectations of Physicians” by Edward H. O’Neil, pages 9-17.
- Assignment: Read article and reflect on Discussion Board #1