Public Health Peer Advising Application
Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

Application Due by: Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016 at 4 PM in Arnold House 221

Description

The Peer Advising Program is designed to foster personal and professional development in public health leadership, as well as providing guidance to students in the Public Health Sciences major. The program aims to improve the Public Health Sciences Program as a whole. This will be gained through the following modalities: in-class dialogues and learning activities, assigned readings, and working with groups and individual students in the drop-in advising center. Through this internship, you will be able to refine your own knowledge of public health, explain the major to others, improve leadership skills and qualities, create community, support peers, and be part of a dynamic and innovative advising program.

Responsibilities

1) Attend trainings, meetings, and commit to 3.5 hours of drop-in one-on-one advising hours per week.
2) Co-lead information sessions for prospective and current majors. This requires the ability to speak about public health and present the program and requirements in a coherent and interactive way, which you will work on in the trainings and seminar.
3) Volunteer and represent PHS at SPHHS and University events, including the major fair, open houses, alumni events, and orientations. You will need strong communication and presentation skills to relate to new students, draw out prospective students’ interests through open-ended questions, and convey the core of public health in a concise and coherent way.
4) Be able to work with and support people of all cultures, genders, ethnicities, ages, abilities, etc.

Eligibility:

1) Be a rising junior or senior.
2) Have completed at least one full year as a public health major.
3) Have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 over the course of the internship.
4) Have a passion for public health and learning about the field.
5) Have a desire to help other students in the major, including identifying strategies to support underrepresented and at-risk students.
6) Have excellent interpersonal, problem-solving, and listening skills.
7) Have strong organizational skills and attention to detail.

Terms of the Position
1) Peer Advisors are required to attend the leadership class and host drop-in hours in the peer advising office each week. The time will be decided on the peer advisor’s schedule.
2) Peer Advisors must attend a day-long training session the first weekend of the Fall 2016 semester & a ropes course during September.
3) Peer Advisors are required to shadow current peer advisors in Spring 2016 – for a minimum of 2 hours after completing FERPA certification.
4) Be available for peer advising class, office hours, and related activities outside of office hours/class.
5) Need to commit to a second semester of peer advising (2 credit) after the fall seminar/internship.
6) Review the Public Health Peer Advising manual over the summer prior to training.

Supervision
Peer advisors will report to:
Megan Griffin, MPH
Public Health Undergraduate Program Advisor
413-545-2523
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To Apply:
Complete the application form and provide a resume and a copy of an unofficial transcript to Arnold House 221, the Peer Advising Center. If you have any questions, you can contact Megan Griffin at (413-545-2523) or megriffin@schoolph.umass.edu. Please feel free to meet with a current Peer Advisor during their drop-in hours to talk about their experience and skills required to be successful in the position. Interviews will begin at the end of February and beginning of March. Deadline for applications is Wednesday March 2nd, 2016 at 4 PM.