Public Health Peer Advising Application
Fall 2014 - Spring 2015
(Peer Advisors are already hired for Fall 2013-Spring 2014)

Application Due by: Monday, March 3rd, 2014 at 5 PM

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. Additionally, the program is aimed 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. Have a passion for public health and learning about the field
2. Have a desire to help other students in the major
3. Have excellent interpersonal and listening skills
4. Attend trainings, meetings, and commit to 3 hours of drop-in one-on-one advising hours per week.
   a. There will be a weekend-long training session one week prior to the beginning of Fall 2014, accommodations for early arrival can be arranged
5. Be involved in public health club and public health activities
6. Attend group advising sessions both for new students and those already in the major. This demands the ability to speak about public health and present the program and requirements in a coherent way, which you will work on in the trainings and seminar.
7. Attend major fairs, open houses, and orientations with the academic advisor. 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, especially as it relates to the new student.
8. Review the Public Health Peer Advising manual over the summer prior to training.
**Eligibility:**

1. Be a rising junior or senior
2. Have completed at least one full year as a public health major
3. Commit to completing a second semester of peer advising (1-2 credit) after the fall seminar/internship
4. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and maintain a 3.0 over the course of the internship.
5. Be available for Peer Advising class and related activities outside of office hours.
6. Complete an application and meet with the Program Director, Program Advisor, and Peer Advisor for an interview.

**Supervision:**

Peer advisors will report to:
Megan Griffin
Public Health Undergraduate Program Advisor
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To Apply:
Complete the application form and provide a resume and a copy of an unofficial transcript to *Arnold House 330, the Peer Advising Center*. If you have any questions, you can contact Megan Griffin at 413 (545-2523) or megriffin@schoolph.umass.edu. Deadline for applications is *March 3rd, 2013 at 5 PM.*