



COUNSELING, HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER
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PEER HEALTH ADVOCATE

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Job Description

The Peer Health Advocates are a group of trained student peer educators employed by the Counseling, Health and Wellness Center (CHWC). Consistent with the mission of the Counseling, Health and Wellness Center, Peer Health Advocates are trained to develop, promote, and provide health related outreach programming to enhance the physical and emotional health of WPU students.

The Peer Health Advocates offer their services to students through educational workshops, *CHOICES* theatrical presentations, tabling events, collaborating with campus clubs and organizations and hosting substance free events.

The Peer Health Advocates serve as positive role models both on and off campus by living healthy lifestyles.

Our Mission & Objectives:

The Peer Health Advocate program supports the mission of the Counseling, Health and Wellness Center to *enhance the physical and emotional health of students* by:

- Promoting education and awareness of the services provided by the CHWC
- Providing training and outreach programming that promote healthy lifestyle choices and self care
- Acting as liaisons on behalf of the CHWC to campus life and the greater WPU campus community
- Developing educational programming based on the assessed health and wellness needs of the WPU student community
- Evaluating our programs to ensure quality, effectiveness and utilization

Qualifications for Employment:

- Achievement of a 2.5 GPA minimum
- Available for at least a full academic year commitment
- Strong oral and written communication skills, public speaking experience a plus
- Competence in the use of various social media tools and presentation technology, i.e. Power Point, Prezi
- Demonstrate self motivation and a positive attitude towards learning and team work
- The ability to provide evening and occasional weekend program coverage
- A disciplinary record demonstrating no incidents of being held responsible for violations of the WPU Student Code of Conduct

Job Requirements:

- Must maintain a GPA of 2.5 minimum for each semester.
- Must obtain a CPE (Certified Peer Educator) within the first year from date of hire
- Be an effective role model for students and consistently model healthy decision making skills
- Commit a minimum of five hours a week to the program
- Attend weekly team meetings for 1.5 hours – Tuesdays 12:30-2:00pm (common hour)
- Attend ongoing training in health related topics to update knowledge content and skills as assigned.
- Must be available to attend and be prepared to perform CHOICES at all summer freshman orientations.
- Be willing to collaborate on projects promoting health education with other campus groups as assigned.
- Demonstrate proficient competency of public speaking, health education and interactive facilitation skills

Employment Application

Name _____ 855# _____

Major _____ Credits completed: _____

Semester G.P.A. _____ Current Cumulative G.P.A. _____

Commuter _____ Resident _____

Permanent Address _____

Campus Address _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

How did you learn about the Peer Health Advocates? (Circle One)

Email/Flyer	PHA	Program or Event	Friend	Faculty/Staff	Website	Social Media
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1. Why do you want to become a Peer Health Advocate?

2. What is your understanding of what the Peer Health Advocates do?

3. Please describe what skills or abilities make you a good candidate for this position.

4. Please list any current club, sport, or voluntary activities you are involved in on and off campus:

5. Are you currently employed on or off campus? If so, what is your typical schedule?

6. Do you have a car? Please circle: Yes No

7. This position requires students to participate in programming that can be scheduled at various times during the day, evening and/or weekend. Although PHAs are not required to attend every program, please identify your anticipated availability for the next semester by circling below:

- a. I can be available during the day when class is not in session. Yes No
- b. I can be available during the evening when class is not in session. Yes No
- c. I can be available during the weekends if class is not in session. Yes No

8. Please list one WPUNJ Staff/Faculty or Student Leader reference and their contact info. You will be required to get a letter of recommendation for this position from the person you list below. **(Please make sure you obtain the Recommendation Form from our website or office)**

Name _____ Title _____

Department/Student Organization _____

Phone _____ Email _____

9. Writing Sample: **Please answer in 500 words or less**

What is a health related issue that you think affects students on our campus? What programming idea would you recommend to promote education about this issue?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign and date this application, and email it to Liz Amaya-Fernandez:
amayafernandeze@wpunj.edu or drop off at the Counseling, Health and Wellness Center
reception area.