Student Wellness Centre Peer Helper

Position Description

Position Title: Healthcare Assistant Peer Helper
Department: Student Wellness Centre
Term: Fall 2020/Winter 2021
Number of Positions: 10 - 12
Hours: 2 hours/week
Length of Position: September 2020 – April 2021

This is a competitive student leadership volunteer opportunity open to all University of Calgary students.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Reporting to the Nursing Manager, this position provides support to the health services within the Wellness Centre. Preference will be given to students who are interested in returning to the Wellness Centre for subsequent years. The clinic is open Monday to Friday 9:00-4:30.

TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Medical reception, administrative/logistical clinic tasks and assisting with patient flow through the clinic
- Filling exam rooms, taking height/weight on specific patients, tidying exam rooms and supply rooms, stocking supplies throughout clinic (offices, exam rooms, procedure rooms)
- Assisting with clerical support as necessary (stamping requisitions, photocopying patient teaching sheets, etc.)
- There will also be an opportunity to attend Health Promotion events and training programs
- Other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Independent thinker with strong initiative to complete tasks with minimal direction
- Demonstrated professionalism, maturity and good judgment;
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- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint (or Pages and Keynote); and
- Have experience working with student groups.
- As the Peer Helper Program is meant to enhance the student experience and supplement academic learning, all Peer Helpers must demonstrate their ability to balance their academics with their extracurricular commitments, and must be in good academic standing
- All Peer Helpers must be in good standing with the Office of Student Conduct
COMMITMENT:
We require a commitment of 2-3 hours per week. This will be a consistent "shift" every week, scheduled according to availability. The expectation is that Peer Helpers will commit to this weekly shift, unless academic demands are high (exam periods). We appreciate communication via email if the student will be unable to come in. We provide an in-depth orientation to the clinic physical layout and routines.

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS:
As a result of volunteering in this role, students can expect to develop their employability skills in the following focus areas, as outlined by the Conference Board of Canada's Employability Skills:

- **Communication Skills**: Gain public speaking, presentation and group facilitation skills;
- **Teamwork Skills**: Develop skills in understanding group dynamics, engaging in dialogue with others who approach learning, work and world issues differently, and event/project management; and
- **Personal Management Skills**: Learn how your strengths help you succeed, and how to be adaptable in different settings. You will also have the opportunity to work on learning goals in this position using the SMART model.

As a University of Calgary Peer Helper you will also have the opportunity to work within a collaborative team environment, expand your network of students, faculty and staff and have access to specific career development opportunities provided through the Peer Helper Program.

PEER HELPER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
The Peer Helper Program is made up of over 300 students every year, who are involved in 19 different on-campus offices. Part of being a Peer Helper involves ongoing professional development, and in 2019-2020, all Peer Helpers will complete the training offered in the Fall, as well as the Winter term’s Peer Helper training at Leadership Exchange 2020 (exact date TBA).

CONDUCT STATEMENT
This position requires students to be in good conduct standing for non-academic misconduct. Students who are not in good conduct standing have an active sanction of “Probation for Non-Academic Misconduct” that has been assigned through formal conduct proceedings per the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy. Students are informed in writing of the sanction by the Student Conduct Office.

Note: Involvement in the Non-Academic Misconduct process does not automatically mean a student is not in good conduct standing; this applies only to those students who have been assigned the sanction of Probation for Non-Academic Misconduct. If you have been found responsible of a violation of the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and you are unsure if you have received this sanction, please contact conduct@ucalgary.ca. Please note that in submitting your application, you are verifying that you are in good conduct standing and consent to this being verified by the Student Conduct Office. Note that details of non-academic misconduct cases are not shared through this process.

APPLICATION PROCESS
To apply, please submit an online Peer Helper application form available on the Peer Helper Program’s website by 4:30pm on April 29, 2020. If you have any questions, please direct them to php@ucalgary.ca.