

Peer Educator Job Description

Title of Position: Peer Educator

Purpose: To educate the MiraCosta College community about suicide prevention and other mental health topics by providing educational programs taught by trained and experienced peer educators; to raise awareness, provide information, resources, and referrals.

Time Commitment: About 5 hours/week (70 hours/semester)

Supervision: The Peer Educators will work directly with the assigned student health trainers such as the counseling interns, health educator nurse, department coordinator, or other departmental personnel

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Attend all trainings/meetings to teach peer education programs
- Practice teaching the assigned mental health education program
- Present mental health education programs to campus and student groups in the classroom and as a speaker to clubs or other on campus groups
- Speak to classrooms about services offered in Health Services
- Participate in special events or College Hours sponsored by Health Services
- Be committed to the program for at least 2 semesters
- Network with professors/instructors and other campus groups to create opportunities for presenting the mental health education programs.
- Maintain confidentiality where needed
- Be a resource
- Establish and participate in the NAMI on Campus Club
- Recruit 1-2 peer educators into the program for the following year
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Benefits:

- Knowledge
- Valuable work experience
- Friendship, support, fun
- Job recommendations
- Provides leadership, group process, and public speaking training
- Provides valuable contacts within the MiraCosta College community

Desired Qualities:

- Interest in mental health
- Good oral communication skills
- Flexible schedule. Able to work occasional evenings.
- Able to work independently and in groups
- Willing to work in a collaborative environment
- Not afraid to ask questions