The Peer Health Educators are a group of students who function as team members in the development and implementation of health promotion initiatives throughout the campus community. The Peer Health Educators are employees of Norris Health Center Office of Health Promotion and Wellness and represent the Norris Health Center by serving as liaisons to residence life, student organizations, and other departments on campus.

PEER HEALTH EDUCATORS MISSION: To develop and present a variety of educational programs and materials aimed at sensitizing members of the diverse UWM student body on important student development, personal wellness, health related topics, and to contribute to the creation of a healthy and socially just living-learning environment throughout campus and the surrounding community.

The philosophy of the Peer Health Educator Program at UW-Milwaukee contends students have a unique and powerful relationship with fellow students which can be employed to promote self awareness and wellness behaviors, healthy choices and decision making, healthy living/learning environments, and modeling appropriate attitudes and behaviors on a variety of health related issues such as but not limited to:

- A) Sexuality/sexual responsibility and health
- B) Stress, time management, and relaxation
- C) Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- D) Healthy Relationships/violence prevention
- E) Nutrition/fitness/body image/eating disorders
- F) Various other health and/or wellness issues

Starting wage is $8.50/hour.
Other benefits include the opportunity to develop public speaking/presentation skills; team building, leadership and collaboration skills; being a role model; developing educational, promotional and evaluation materials; development of life/time management skills.

Basic Responsibilities:

- Develop with a co-presenter a minimum of one “interactive educational program” on an assigned focus area to be presented on campus a minimum of 3 times; 2 of which must be in the Residence Halls (with 1 being in your assigned liaison hall) by the end of the spring semester. Develop and distribute through a variety of printed or electronic means publicity materials for sponsored events.
- Serve as a liaison to an assigned Residence Hall. Attend 3 R.A. staff meetings a semester providing/presenting relevant health related information and materials.
- Actively participate with at least 1 other peer in a minimum of 3 programming/planning/working committees which may include: Welcome Week Events, Pink Zone, Flu Clinic, Step Up Milwaukee Campaign, Great American Smoke Out, World Aids Day, Panther Pause, Violance Resource Fair, Nutrition Fair, a Safer Sex/Sexual Health Event, Safe Spring Break Event, Organization/office duties, tabling/pamphlet rack committee, an Alcohol Event, Love Your Body Day, NAMI Walk. Chair at least 1-2 committees. Collaborate with student organizations and other campus departments developing health promotion initiatives. Refer students to professional staff or campus resources as appropriate. Wear PHE shirt and name tag when serving in a PHE role or activity.
- Develop with focus area co-presenter 1 themed bulletin board to be displayed on 6 different bulletin boards by a specified date.
- Cover information tables and/or interactive information giving a minimum of 3 hours a month; serve as table captain a minimum of 1-2 times a semester. Participate in other tabling, health awareness, or Norris Health Center promotional events as they arise.
- Attend 1 hour weekly meetings to evaluate/practice programming, continue ongoing training, present 1-2 mini information sessions per semester to fellow peers, and carry out other business.
- Attend committee and planning meetings with PHE supervisor, PHE committee members/co presenters, consultants and other program collaborators as needed. Participate in goal setting and evaluation process.
- Participate in the research, development, and implementation of various health promotion educational materials, activities, events, and programs using a variety of passive and active formats. (presentations, handouts, role playing, website development, outreach events)
- Assist Norris Health Center with surveys and special projects as needed. Represent Norris Health Center in a positive manner.
- Make a 1 year commitment to the program; August 19, 2015 - May 21, 2016.
- Participate in: a 3 day training program, August 19, 20 & 21, 2015 from 9a.m.-4:30 p.m.; a 1 day focus area practice and feedback session Saturday, October 3, 2015, 9:00am-4:30pm.
- Follow all UWM and PHE policies/procedures. Conduct oneself in an ethical manner that is consistent with the mission and goals of the University and the Peer Health Educator program. Maintain confidentiality in accordance with Norris Health Center confidentiality policy.
- Perform other appropriate assignments as required and/or assigned by the PHE supervisor.

Qualifications:

- Have completed two (2) semesters at UW-Milwaukee (UWM) as of fall semester 2015.
- Be an enrolled student at UWM for academic credit in good standing with a minimum GPA of 2.25.
- Possess a desire to speak and perform in front of groups of people on a variety of health related topics. Be a “self starter”.
- Excellent written and communication skills, technology experience (computer/AV), ability to collaborate/work as a team.
- Flexible schedule (may involve some weekends and evenings)

Timeline for Selection:

March 23, 2015 Applications available at Norris Health Center Office of Health Promotion & Wellness, Union WG81
April 10, 2015 4:30p.m. Applications due to the Norris Health Center Office of Health Promotion & Wellness, Union WG81
April 20-24, 2015 Interviews (if selected for an interview)

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