

2017-2018

The Peer Mentor Program



The WOU Peer Mentor program is designed to provide students with peers that act as positive role models in promoting healthy lifestyles, assist in the transition to college, and provide support to peers and the community.

Applications due: Friday, February 10th by 3:00pm

Applications are due in a sealed envelope labeled “Peer Mentors” to the Student Health & Counseling Center or University Housing

This packet includes:

Position description

Application form/ Release form

Selection process description

For more information, please contact Pam Medzegian:

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WOU Peer Mentor Program
Description, Expectations, and Requirements

We are pleased that you have decided to apply for Peer Mentoring. This letter will explain more about the Peer Mentor Program here at WOU, what is expected of mentors, and what the selection process will be like.

If you are looking for a unique and personal leadership position, Peer Mentors may be the right fit for you. This is not an optional attendance club, but a team of individuals that work together to help students transition to college, and empowering and encouraging them to make healthy decisions for themselves. This program provides life changing experiences and the irreplaceable opportunity to impact residents in a positive way.

The Peer Mentor program was designed to aide new students in the residence halls with the transition to college. To help ease this transition, the Peer Mentors provide a variety of educational based programs, materials, and services to help students make healthy choices. As a Peer Mentor, you and your fellow mentors run the show: We have very few set programs, so mentors get to decide what they feel is relevant for that year, the current students, and the social climate at Western. We aim to enable students to make healthy choices for their lifestyles, not our own personal agendas or beliefs.

Mentors work directly in the freshmen communities, offering support and resources to their students. Mentors and RAs work closely together in planning community events, developing personal relationships, and supporting their first year community.

So what will be expected of you? Here are the basic requirements of all Peer Mentors:

- Attend Spring 2017 Peer Mentor Class (3 hour weekly class, date & time to be determined)
- Maintain a university standard Leadership GPA of 2.25
- Return to school early in the fall for training ,and New Student Week
- Attend weekly PM Meeting (2 hours per week)
- Hold office hour(s) every week (2 hours per week)
- Each mentor plans 1 program with their RA, and 1 Wellness program for their hall per term
- Attend in-service training (once a month)
- Attend all programs and functions created by Peer Mentors
- Attend any additional in-service/training
- Be responsible, punctual and open to new ideas!
- Act as a positive role model for the students and community of WOU

*Currently proposing an educational stipend award, which would increase PM hours:
3 office hours a week

Please fill out and return the following Application Form and Release form, and attach to your typed questions

Please put all three parts of your application in a **sealed envelope and label “Peer Mentors”**
You can turn into the Student Health and Counseling Center OR Office of University Residences.

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Due February 10th, 2017

Please put in a sealed envelope labeled "**Peer Mentors**"
And return to the Student Health and Counseling Center
OR University Housing (UH, Ackerman Hall)

Name: _____ Gender: _____

V-Number: _____

Current Phone: _____ Email: _____

Hometown: _____

How many years have you been at WOU? _____

Class Standing as of Winter 2017:	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Are you planning to live on campus next year?	Yes	No	Undecided	

Educational Experiences:

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Last Term GPA: _____

WOU Honors, scholarships, awards: _____

Other Colleges / Universities Attended: _____

High School: _____

Residence Halls Resided In:

Where: _____ Length of Stay: _____

Where: _____ Length of Stay: _____

If On-Campus, Who is /was your current PM? _____

Previous Leadership Positions Held:

Position: _____ Length of Service: _____

Position: _____ Length of Service: _____

Position: _____ Length of Service: _____

I have read and understand the job description and commitments of the Peer Mentor Program:
Yes No

I agree that the information I have provided is current and correct and I read through and understand the Peer Mentor Position Description.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

REMEMBER TO ATTACH YOUR SIGNED RELEASE FORM WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Please type and print your answers to the following questions:

1. What leadership or mentoring type experience have you had in the past? And / or what experience(s) have you had working within a team?
2. What other time commitments will you have next year (jobs, clubs, etc.)? How many classes do you take on average?
3. Why do you want to be a Peer Mentor?
4. Being involved in this program is a leadership opportunity, as a leader what do you feel you will contribute to the team? What would you say you need to work on as a leader?
5. Our program encourages mentors to creatively educate and address the needs of WOU students. What are some of the biggest issues or struggles that you would say new students are faced with?
6. Describe what you think the roles of an excellent Peer Mentor in your community would be.

The deadline for this application is February 10th.

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If you have any questions or would like more information feel free to call Pam Medzegian (Program Advisor) at 838-8791, or stop by the Peer Mentor Room, in Gentle lounge during the evening and talk to a mentor. Thank you very much for applying and good luck!

Western Oregon University

Student Judicial Program

Authorization To Release Educational Records Related to Student Discipline

Name of Student Releasing Information: _____

Student's ID Number: _____

Name of Institution and Individuals Given Consent to Make Disclosure

WOU, Judicial Affairs

Name of Institution and/or Individuals Given Consent to Receive Disclosure

WOU, Craig Wimmer, Pam Medzegian

Purpose of this disclosure

Check academic and judicial standing

What information will be disclosed?

Academic and judicial standing information

This consent is subject to revocation at any time, except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance hereon, and if not earlier revoked, this consent shall terminate on: 6/15/2018 without express revocation (not to exceed one year).

I have carefully read and I understand the above. I consent to the release of the above specified information or records about my student judicial file to those persons or institutions listed. I further release the Dean of Students, Western Oregon University, and its agents and employees from any liabilities arising from the release of this information or records to such designated persons or agencies.

I understand that the requester may not further use or disclose the information or record unless another authorization is obtained from me or unless such use or disclosure is specifically required or permitted by law.

Signature of Student

Date