Apply to be a PEER EDUCATOR

Receive training and work with licensed mental health professionals
Provide psychoeducational outreach services to UCI students
Gain practical experience valued by many graduate schools
Qualifies as S.E. 195 Field Study (Winter or Spring)
Receive three units of academic credit each quarter

For further information, check out the Counseling Center website:
If you have questions, please email: ucipeereducators@gmail.com

Timeline for the selection process: April 17, 2020- Deadline by 5pm
(Applications and recommendation forms must be received by this date)

May 2nd, 2020- Group and Individual Interviews
(For further inquiries, please contact us)
WORKING TITLE  Counseling Center Peer Educator

APPLICATION DEADLINE  April 17, 2020. To be turned in at the Counseling Center’s Reception Desk, SSI, Room 203

TIME COMMITMENT  7-10 hrs/week for the 2020-2021 academic year
Some evening/weekend hours

ACADEMIC CREDIT  - School: Social Ecology
- 198 Directed Studies (Fall, Winter, Spring) 3 units, P/NP
- 195 Field Study Site (Winter or Spring)

CLASS TIME  Wednesday, 3-5pm

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS  Minimum GPA of 2.5

MISSION

As a component of the Counseling Center’s Consultation and Outreach Program, the Peer Educator Program trains undergraduate students to provide psychoeducational (primary prevention) services to the UCI student body.

JOB DESCRIPTION

▪ Participate in weekly training/supervision sessions
▪ Collaborate with fellow Peers Educators to create and present interactive psychoeducational workshops to various student groups
▪ Meet with Counseling Center Staff to better understand Counseling Center services and to gain insight into potential future careers
▪ Assist staff with primary prevention outreach events
▪ Market the services of the Counseling Center and the Peer Program through flyering, tabling, poster-making, in-class announcements, and other creative outreach methods
▪ Raise funds to support the program
▪ Complete assignments relevant to development as both a Peer Educator and an individual
▪ Create a special project to improve the program for future Peer Educators
**SKILLS TO BE ACQUIRED**

- Understanding the mental health needs of university students
- Workshop design and presentation skills
- Knowledge of primary prevention content areas (e.g. stress reduction)
- Understanding the role of a university counseling center
- Time management skills
- Cultural competency in interaction with a diverse community
- Communication skills and inclusive language
- Ability to recognize signs of distress and make a referral
- Leadership skills and collaboration skills
- Models of college student development

**Listings are not all-inclusive.**

**NOTE ABOUT APPLICATION:** The recommendation forms must be completed by instructors, advisors, or supervisors from your current or previous place of employment. Recommendations from family members, friends, or students cannot be accepted. All recommendations, in order to be accepted, must clearly state the name, position, and school/business of the recommender and be sent directly to Dr. Thano in business envelopes. Recommendations can also be emailed to Dr. Thano at sthano@uci.edu. Recommendations delivered by the applicant cannot be accepted.
University of California, Irvine
COUNSELING CENTER
PEER EDUCATOR
APPLICATION

Full Name: ______________________________________________________________

Local Address: __________________________________________________________

Permanent Address: ______________________________________________________

Phone (   ) __________________________ Phone (   ) __________________________

Email ______________________________

Educational Background:
School/Major________________________________________ GPA ________________

Current Status: Freshman ☐
Sophomore ☐
Junior ☐
Senior ☐

Expected Date of Graduation ____________________________________________

Universities or Colleges attended:

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Optional: Please feel free to attach a resume to the application. However, the entire application must still be completed.

List relevant experiences (E.g. clubs, organizations, internships, volunteer, etc):

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List or describe relevant coursework:

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Career objective(s):

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Please list all your commitments for the 2018-2019 academic year and the time you will need to spend on each per week. Include pending positions that you are applying for. (E.g. work, clubs, internships, etc.):

Activity 1:________________________________________________________________________ Hrs:____

Activity 2:________________________________________________________________________ Hrs:____

Activity 3:________________________________________________________________________ Hrs:____

Activity 4:________________________________________________________________________ Hrs:_____
Are you also applying for the Counseling Center’s C.O.A.C.H. Program? 
If so, please indicate your first choice. (circle one)

Peer Educator Program C.O.A.C.H.

Have you attended any of our workshops? If so, which workshops?

_______________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________

How did you hear about the Peer Educator Program?

______________________________________________________________________________________
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I have completed my application honestly and to the best of my ability.

Signature of Applicant: _______________________________ Date: _______________
COUNSELING CENTER PEER EDUCATOR SELF EVALUATION AND ESSAY STATEMENT

Application Deadline: April 17, 2020

Name: __________________________________________________________

1. Please evaluate yourself on the following characteristics. Keep in mind that we will be looking for evidence in your application to support your rating. Questions pertaining to your rating may be asked during the interview process.

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2. Essay Statement: On a separate sheet of paper, please attach a typed essay (1-2 pages) responding to both (a) and (b).

   a. Describe why you want to be in the Counseling Center’s Peer Educator Program.
   b. From the list of characteristics above, state which two (2) qualities you feel are most important to being a Peer Educator and describe prior experiences in which you have demonstrated these characteristics.
Candidate’s Name: ________________________________________________________________

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4. Briefly describe the candidate’s area(s) for growth:

5. Overall, would you:
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   - ___ Recommend
   - ___ Recommend with reservations
   - ___ Not recommend this candidate

*If more convenient, please feel free to write your brief responses to questions 3 and 4 on an attached page.

______________________________________
Signature of recommender

Name __________________________
Title __________________________

Place of Employment _________________________________________________________

Email form to Dr. Thano at sthano@uci.edu or mail/deliver this form to:

Saimir Thano, Ph.D.
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Student Services I, Room 203
Irvine, CA 92697-2200
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