Peer Academic Leader

Pay Rate: Class 1/$13.00 per hour (undergraduate)

Student Affairs Employment Program:
This program empowers students to reach their full personal potential in preparation for the workforce by developing practical and professional standards.

Position Description:
Peer Academic Leaders (PALS) are high-achieving undergraduate students who offer discipline specific support to a specific section(s) of a course that typically poses a challenge to students at SCSU. PALS help the students to maximize their potential for academic success by supporting them in gaining effective study skills, helping them to better understand concepts in the class, and helping with the application of course content.

Job Duties:
• Facilitate three 60-minute small group study sessions per week throughout the semester in the Academic Success Center
• Hold 1 planning hour each week to plan for the 3 sessions
• Attend 1 hour of lecture in the class section that you are assigned each week
• Communicate with the course professor
• Report immediately to the Director of the Academic Success Center when critical issues arise
• Attend and participate in PAL group meetings as scheduled.
• Adhere to the policies and procedures of the Academic Success Center and SCSU
• Demonstrate professionalism, responsibility, punctuality, and academic integrity
• Maintain privacy and confidentiality of student information including course progress and performance

Qualifications:
• Current SCSU undergraduate student
• Earned grade of A or B in the course(s) for which you will be an PAL
• Recommendation from faculty and/or department chair

Preferred Skills:
• Effective communication skills
• Capacity to work with students with diverse backgrounds
• Commitment to work the time promised
• Strong study skills and successful student habits and behaviors

Student Learning Outcomes for this Position Include:
• Develop knowledge and skills related to their academic and professional goals
• Apply effective academic skills, strategies, and behaviors
• Demonstrate effective critical thinking and problem-solving skills
• Identify student learning preferences and adapt academic support methodology as appropriate
• Provide individualized support to meet the varied academic needs of a diverse student population

Schedule: PAL hours are flexible but must take place during regular hours of operation. Group review sessions and office hours will be determined the first week of class via survey collected from students.

NOTE: The Academic Success Center is open Monday-Wednesday 8am-9pm, Thursday 8am-8pm, and Friday 8am-4:30pm.

How to Apply: Complete a PALS Application. Return completed application and refer questions to:

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