

University of Chicago
Student Care Center



2008 Peer Health Educator Application Packet

This application packet contains the following:

- Job Description
- Timeline
- 2008 Peer Health Educator Application form
- Application due **April 25, 2008**
- Recommendation Forms

Please return completed application to:

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**Position Title:**

Peer Health Educator

Philosophy:

Peer Health Educators (PHEs) endeavor to provide education that will allow University of Chicago students to graduate not only with healthy minds, but with healthy bodies as well. PHEs work within a college community to promote greater well-being, provide information about specific health issues, increase awareness of health care resources on campus and in the community, encourage educated personal decision-making, and advocate for changing and challenging campus social norms regarding health behavior.

Qualifications:

- Must be currently enrolled 2nd, 3rd, or 4th –year University of Chicago undergraduate or graduate student in good academic standing (GPA of 2.7 or higher prior to and during appointment).
- Must be a role model for responsible and healthy lifestyle choices and enthusiastic about educating peers on wellness issues.
- Must be non-judgmental, responsible, reliable, and act as a resource to students.
- Must possess strong verbal skills and the desire to present information to peers.
- Must demonstrate the ability to work with individuals and groups in a leadership capacity.

Responsibilities and Expectations:

Under the direct supervision of the Director of Health Promotion, the Peer Health Educator will:

- Commit to three (3) hours of work per week for Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters. The actual weekly time commitment will vary throughout the year depending upon scheduled activities. This means that PHEs are required to keep track of their weekly time allotments, so that an average of three (3) hours per week (a total of about 25 hours per quarter) is achieved.
 - PHEs are required to hold a one (1) hour weekly office hour.
 - PHEs are required to attend a one (1) hour weekly mandatory staff meeting.
- Choose one (1) health topic to focus on for a research project in which a presentation, display board, or brochure is created.
- Hold a specific PHE committee position: Graphic design/marketing, *Chicago Health* newsletter, special events, advertising, house presentation coordinator, etc.
- Assist in developing and implementing educational and social programs geared towards education of wellness, alcohol and other drug issues.
- Facilitate wellness workshops with various University offices, including Residence Life, Campus Activities, Athletics, Counseling Center, and the Fitness Center.
- Be well versed on health and wellness topics, including: alcohol and other drug use/abuse, nicotine use, healthy relationships (communication, abstinence, verbal/physical abuse, rape), and personal health (body image, eating disorders).
- Serve as a University role model and advocate for responsible and healthy lifestyle choices.
- Submit 1-2 articles to the *Chicago Health* newsletter per academic year.
- Attend the Peer Health Introduction Dinner **May 29th** 2008.

Compensation

PHEs may receive course credit and/or a monetary stipend.



TIMELINE FOR UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PEER HEALTH EDUCATORS

April 25:	Applications due for University of Chicago Peer Health Educators
April 30-May 2:	Individual interviews: Applicants informed of contract requirements, expectations, and important dates.
May 9:	Final letters sent for offers with contracts and expectations.
May 29:	Attend a mandatory PHE introduction dinner; signed contracts due
Still to be scheduled:	Peer Educator Training



Part II: Additional Information

A. Involvement Record

Please list any organizations/activities (on and/or off-campus), in which you have been involved. Please list the dates of involvement and positions held.

B. Please answer of the following questions on a separate piece of paper and attach it to the application. Please limit your response to 200 words for each question.

1. Why do you want to be a Peer Health Educator? How will it contribute to your academic and future career pursuits while here at the University of Chicago?
2. What qualities and skills do you possess that would make you a good candidate?
3. What can Peer Educators teach University of Chicago students regarding wellness, alcohol, and other drugs? Which topics or issues are you most interested in or a strong advocate for?
4. How do you work along your peers? How would you describe your work style?
5. Describe a difficult situation and how you managed it?
6. It is anticipated that you will be able to spend on average 3 hours/week in this position- some of which may require an evening program presentation. Do you anticipate any conflicts that might make this commitment difficult? What other activities will you be involved in on campus next academic year?

Part III: Interview Sign Up

Please sign up for an interview time. There will be interviews on April 30th (2-4 PM), May 1st (1-4 PM), and May 2nd (10-11 AM). Please list ALL your availability for a 30 minute interview during those times, so that a timeslot can be assigned to you. You should receive an email notification about the interview time.

I am available these times and days:
