CTP Peer Mentor Student Information

Course Transformation Project

Course Transformation Project (CTP) classes are big lecture classes that have been redesigned to increase student opportunities for experiential learning through academic enrichment. Students spend less time sitting and listening, and more time engaging with content, peers, and the instructor through small group experiential learning and interactive online activities in addition to large group lecture.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet the following qualifications:
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher
- Be in Sophomore, Junior, or Senior standing
- Demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively with students
- Be able to serve as a positive role model for students
- Have 5-7 hours per week to commit to the position during the semester the CTP course is offered

WHAT DO PEER MENTORS DO?

- Attend a CTP class (one)
- Attend monthly peer mentor meetings/participate in peer mentor training
- Assist students during class time, via email, or phone
- Hold weekly office hours/study sessions once per week
- Meet with instructors as needed

EXPECTATIONS

Peer Mentors are expected to nurture an unbiased, unprejudiced and open environment that will strengthen the social and professional support system and knowledge base of CTP participants. Peer Mentors should enable participants to converse freely, ask questions and voice their opinions and concerns.

CTP Peer Mentors are expected to maintain a professional manner whenever representing the program. Professionalism should extend into sending emails to faculty, students, staff, etc. Peer Mentors are expected to be professional in attire when attending class, study sessions, and other CTP events. Language is expected to be appropriate when discussing class activities, assignments, and test preparation with students. No inappropriate behavior will be tolerated.

TIME COMMITMENT

All CTP Peer Mentors should allow 5-7 hours per week to dedicate to this position. Meetings with the instructor(s) are also required as needed. There may be additional opportunities and peer mentor meetings throughout the semester with additional opportunities for leadership roles.

APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

The faculty member teaching the CTP course is responsible for selecting a Peer Mentor. In order to finalize this process, please return completed form to the Office of Student Engagement & Experiential Learning, located in Altgeld, Room 100.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to contact the Office of Student Engagement & Experiential Learning staff at 815-753-8154 or at engage@niu.edu.
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PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name (First & Last) ____________________________ Z-ID ____________________________

Mailing Address ________________________________________________________________

City ____________________________ State ____________________________ Zip ____________________________

Home Phone ____________________________ Cell Phone ____________________________

Email ____________________________ Preferred Email ____________________________

Please list an emergency contact:

Name (First & Last) ____________________________

Telephone ____________________________ Relationship to you ____________________________

PART II: EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Major ____________________________

Minor? ____________________________

Cumulative GPA ____________________________ Year in School ____________________________ Expected Graduation ____________________________

What is the highest degree you plan to pursue?

☐ BA/BS ☐ M.D. ☐ Ph.D.

☐ Masters ☐ J.D. ☐ Other (Please Specify) ____________________________

CTP Faculty Advisor: Name: ____________________________ College/Department ____________________________

Email ____________________________ Telephone ____________________________

Are you work-study eligible during the semester of your Peer Mentor position? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, have you accepted this work study in MyNIU? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are work study eligible and have not accepted this assistance in MyNIU, the Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning asks that you do so.
PART III: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Gender ____________________ Citizenship ____________________ Permanent Resident # ____________________

Are you a first-generation college student (i.e. You are the first person in your immediate family to attend college)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Indicate the highest grade/degree completed by your mother ____________________

Indicate the highest grade/degree completed by your father ____________________

Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?

Hispanic or Latino/Latina means a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central America, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

Regardless of your answer above, check all of the following that describe you:

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Prefer not to answer

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge, true, and correct.

I have not knowingly withheld or created any information that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of my application.

I understand that excerpts from my application materials may be utilized in various publications regarding the CTP Peer Mentor Program.

I understand that my academic, judicial, financial, and any other pertinent records will be verified by the appropriate school and university offices.

I understand that certain colleges may elect to conduct personal interviews and I agree to meet with the selection committee in person if an interview is requested.

I further understand that the CTP Peer Mentor program is a high-visibility commitment and honor and I agree to take part in any and all activities, training sessions (unless prohibited by a class), photographs, publications, etc.

I agree to the terms and conditions listed above

Signature ____________________

Date ____________________

Please print and sign your application. Once this form is complete, please return it to:

The Office of Student Engagement & Experiential Learning
Altgeld Hall 100
engage@niu.edu
telephone: 815-753-8154