

Peer Educator Code of Ethics

I value and know who I am. I am an individual, friend, and educator; an activist, role model, and a team member. I am a peer educator.

I value and know my role as a peer educator.

In order to best fulfill that role I will:

Grant individuals respect and dignity;

Honor and strive to understand diversity in all its forms;

Recognize that, through patience and understanding, every person is constantly growing and learning.

I value and know my roles as a friend.

In order to best fulfill that role I will:

Offer opportunities for people to explore their thoughts and feelings;

Offer myself as a link between students and the professional services on campus;

Not manipulate any situation or another person's vulnerability for my own benefit;

Maintain confidentiality, except when, to my best judgment, the person is in physical or mental danger which could result in self-harm or harm to others, has a problem beyond my ability to assist, or discloses information which I must report according to law or campus policy.

I value and know my roles as an educator.

In order to best fulfill that role, I will:

Learn as much as possible about the issues that affect my peers;

Only offer information that I am qualified to offer and with the greatest accuracy possible;

Accept feedback and support from my advisor or other professional staff.

I value and know my role as an activist.

In order to best fulfill that role, I will:

Refuse to be a bystander;

I will confront unhealthy attitudes and behaviors;

I will work to change the campus and community environment to promote healthy choices.

I value and know my role as a role model.

In order to best fulfill that role, I will:

Make decisions in my own life that are positive and healthy;

Challenge myself to continue my own physical, mental, spiritual and emotional growth;

Accept guidance and confrontation from others who care about me.

I value and know my role as a team member.

In order to best fulfill that role, I will:

Accept supervision and support from my advisor;

Commit to actively participating in the peer education group;

Support and encourage my fellow peer educators.

I value and know my role as an individual.

In order to best fulfill that role, I will:

Understand that my primary responsibility is to myself;

Not allow my peer education duties to interfere with my own goals and aspirations;

Not allow my peer educator duties to put my emotional or physical well-being at risk.