BSN PEER MENTORS

As role models for future nursing students, *Nursing Pathways* Peer Mentors develop skills that prepare them for future leadership roles in their nursing careers while providing education and support for their Mentees. Peer Mentors are trained to lead, coordinate and facilitate a cohort (group) of high school and/or college level students interested in nursing careers. Peer Mentors provide guidance and instruction aimed at academic achievement, retention and successful admission into a nursing program.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PEER MENTORS:

- **Role model** leadership, professionalism and academic success strategies while empowering students to strive for their goals
- **Serve** as mentor educators and facilitators to high school and/or college level students interested in nursing careers for one or more academic years
- **Organize** regular workshops, events and/or day-trips for high school and/or college students and communicate details with students
- **Travel** to local high school and/or college to facilitate regular academic success workshops
- **Assist** *Nursing Pathways* staff in the coordination and implementation of the annual Spring Health Conference and participation in the bi-annual College of Nursing Family Nights
- **Support** opportunities related to guest speaking, job shadowing, site visits and college campus visits

PEER MENTOR BENEFITS

- Develop working relationships with faculty, staff, health professionals and community partners
- Gain valuable skills that help you transition as a professional leader
- Expand opportunities for networking and job references
- Make a difference in the lives of others!

PEER MENTORS ARE...

- **Appreciated** as a role model and leader for providing support, advice, networking, motivation and friendship for mentees
- **Financially compensated** for time and effort as a mentor, commitment to *Nursing Pathways* and your student cohort mentees
- **Given preference** for additional *Nursing Pathways* BSN student scholarships and financial assistance

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APPLY TO BECOME A PEER MENTOR!

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be a current WSU BSN student in Tri-Cities or Yakima
- Able to commit to a full academic year (e.g. 2014–15)
- Able to attend and complete the Nursing Pathways Peer Mentor orientation and training – offered locally during the fall semester
- Able to attend the Nursing Pathways high school and/or pre-nursing student orientation – held during fall semester
- Able to maintain good standing within the WSU BSN program (Failure to maintain successful progress within the BSN program is grounds to be terminated as a Peer Mentor)
- Able to receive a recommendation and approval of program participation from WSU faculty, staff or director (2 references are required with application)
- Excellent communication skills (especially public speaking), leadership qualities and a strong work ethic
- Has a strong desire to assist other students and exhibits enthusiasm for the position
- Demonstrates the ability to serve as a role model with a commitment for working with diverse groups of people
- Reliable, with outstanding professionalism, time management and study skills
- Has a positive attitude with motivation to empower others to become successful
- Able to meet the Nursing Pathways eligibility requirements for financial compensation (see eligibility certification form)
- Commitment levels approximate *20-30 hours per year, including 3 to 4 monthly academic skills workshops (2 hours each)

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Contact Nursing Pathways staff for an application and submit with additional required materials. Two to three Peer Mentors are needed per school cohort. Potential candidates will be contacted for an informal interview.

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MENTEES ARE...

High School Students
A.C. Davis - Yakima, WA
Chiawana – Pasco, WA
Grandview – Grandview, WA
Pasco – Pasco, WA
Yakima Valley Technical Skills Center

Pre-Nursing College Students
Columbia Basin College (CBC)
Walla Walla Community College
WSU, Tri-Cities
Yakima Valley Community College (YVCC)
YVCC, Grandview

APPLICATION

Submit the following with a completed Nursing Pathways BSN Peer Mentor Application:

- Current Resume
- Copy Unofficial Transcript
- Name and contact information for two references (letters NOT necessary)
- Signed certification of Nursing Pathways grant eligibility

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