**Position Title:** Academic Success Program Learning Peer - MOS
*(Learning Development & Success)*

**Position Summary:**
Learning Development & Success offers a variety of services to all students at Western, providing support through individual counselling and group presentations, which aim to foster academic success. LSS staff help students cope with the demands of post-secondary learning, helping to identify strengths and develop new skills and strategies for success. All services are available for successful students wanting to maintain their already strong skills and those having academic difficulties.

As an Academic Success Learning Peer for MOS, your role is to help student athletes develop learning skills and strategies to succeed at university and to respond to a wide variety of student questions about learning in MOS courses as well as other courses (as needed). Learning Peers will work with varsity athletes in Study Hall.

**What will you gain from this role?**
- Develop and enhance skills for interpersonal communication, helping peers, teaching and leadership.
- Gain exposure to and awareness of learning skills counselling issues.
- Enhance awareness of personal learning strategies.
- Attain personal satisfaction and growth from being involved in a helping capacity.
- Receive feedback via a midterm year-end performance review.
- Recognition through Western’s Co-curricular Record.

**Key Responsibilities:**
- Work 2-3 hours per week in Study Hall (hours will be determined according to your availability).
- Attend initial training meetings and professional development meetings.
- Post on the Learning Peers’ OWL discussion forum weekly.
- Attend at least two Learning Skills (LS) presentations in the fall term and read learning skills material for professional development as required.
- Complete reflections periodically throughout the year. One reflection task will also include goal setting.
- Promote and maintain a welcoming atmosphere in Study Hall.
- Communicate with supervisor hours that students attended Study Hall.
- When working individually with a student, listen to and understand the student’s questions and concerns (intellectual and emotional) and actively engage in problem solving with the student. (Examples of student questions/concerns: time management, test preparation and test taking, reading strategies, problem solving, low grades, locating resources, understanding course concepts).
- Use collaborative strategies to promote learning communities.
- Discuss with supervisor any questions, difficulties, or problems.
Position Requirements:
- Undergraduate students with a strong interest in learning skills who have taken MOS 1021 and MOS 1023.
- Minimum 80% average in undergraduate courses (with a minimum of 80% in MOS 1021 and MOS 1023). **NOTE:** applicants must provide an up-to-date copy of their grade report with their application.
- Strong communication (attending, listening, speaking) and interpersonal skills.
- Good working knowledge of campus resources.
- Problem-solving abilities.

Western Peer Leader Program Requirements:
- Attend FAQ Session & Social, Annual Team Meeting, and Annual Recognition Event.
- Complete four mandatory Human Resources (HR) training modules: WHMIS, Health & Safety, Safe Campus, and AODA.
- Submit a Feedback Form each term and a year-end program evaluation to the Western Peer Leader Program.

Position Specifics:

**Term Length:**
One academic year, September 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020

**Time Commitment:**
- 2-3 hours per week (working in the Study Hall with first year athletes).
- Approximately 8 hours of Learning Skills training in September.
- Approximately 3-4 hours per month of Professional Development.

**No commitments during December/April exam periods or the Fall/Winter Reading Weeks.**

**Training:**
- FAQ Session & Social (via Western Peer Leader Program)
- Human Resources trainings
- Position-specific training (arranged by direct supervisor)

Reports to:
Academic Success Program Coordinator.

Application Method:
Visit the [Volunteers In Progress](#) website for the online application.

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