

Expectations of Peer Leaders in Organic Chemistry Workshops

Basic Requirements to be a Peer Mentor

- * You will have recently completed Organic Chemistry (CH 334, 335, 336) successfully (A or B grades)
- * You will be a continuing PSU student for the current academic year
- * You want to help next year's students succeed in general or organic chemistry

Workshop Expectations (of students who enroll in the workshop)

- * Sign up for one credit of workshop (CH 384, 385, and/or 386)
- * Commit to attend faithfully all term - once per week for two hours
- * Work together on challenging problems under the guidance of a peer mentor

Workshop Expectations (of the peer mentors)

- * Guide one (sometimes two) workshops per week for the 10 weeks of each term
- * Workshop groups consist of 6-10 students plus the peer mentor
- * Meet weekly (1-2 hours) with the lecture instructor to debrief and prepare
- * Maintain attendance records and journal entries about the workshop activities
- * Optionally sign up for course credit (CH 405: 0, 1, 2, or 3 credits)
- * Sometimes we can also arrange for payments to the peer leaders

Training

- * Attend the mandatory training session for future workshop leaders on Thursday and Friday in mid-September (8:30 am – 4:00 pm each day)
- * At these sessions, planning and expectations will be covered in detail
- * Reading materials will be made available at the training sessions
- * Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day

We expect to be able to use all students who finish the training sessions successfully. However, we often have more volunteers than we are able to use right away, so you might attend the training session but not get an assignment until winter or spring term.

Please fill out the “Chemistry Workshops Application Information” form and return it to Dr. Wamser so that you will continue to receive information about training and related issues via e-mail.