

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Department of Residence Life is to provide a clean, well maintained, safe, and inclusive living learning environment that is conducive to study and the personal development of all residents. Activities and services are designed to develop community while encouraging academic and social success.

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REPORTS TO:

The Area Coordinator (AC) is responsible for Student Staff supervision, evaluation, and communication of general information between the Department of Residence Life and the Student Staff.

JOB SUMMARY:

The Peer Health Advocate serves as an integral part of the Department of Residence Life's ability to complete its mission. Together, these staff members work with residents to create and maintain an atmosphere which fosters meaningful educational opportunities as well as valuable personal growth experiences.

- Attend all Student Staff meetings and training sessions associated with this position, including ongoing college student health-related training with HWC team.
- Offer peer mental health support to other students by engaging in active listening and other peer mentorship skills as supervised by Counseling Services staff.
- Plan and deliver residential experience and health-related educational programs, assisting HWC team with outreach events as needed
- Hold office hours within their community and in the Health and Wellness Center
- Serve on Student Affairs Alcohol and Other Drug Committee, and assist with outreach and other AOD-related tasks
- Create and post daily social media content for HWC
- Advertise and operate the Biofeedback Lab/Relaxation Room.
- Participate in ongoing supervision and comprehensive training as mental health peer mentor.
- Refer students to counseling or other campus resources as appropriate
- Engage in intentional conversations with residents to foster a sense of community
- Support and enforce the policies and procedures as outlined in the Student Handbook
- Assist in the process of opening and closing of the facilities
- Serve as a positive role model and resource to all residents
- Promote diversity and social justice by creating respectful and supportive living environments
- Aid in the implementation of the Residential Experience Model
- Identify and report maintenance issues to department
- Complete administrative paperwork and tasks as needed
- Other duties as assigned

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

- Current minimum 2.500 cumulative and semester GPAs
- Full-time student enrollment status for semester(s) of employment
- Good standing with the University and the Department of Residence Life
- On-campus living at ATU for at least one year
- Attend mandatory Student Staff training on August 2024 and January 2025 (Subject to Change)
- Move in 1 to 2 weeks before halls open

COMPENSATION:

Hourly rates of \$10 per hour. The maximum number of hours you may work a week is 20 hours per week. You are allowed to hold another job, either off-campus or on-campus, while you hold this position. You will be required to complete time sheets to track your weekly hours. These will be submitted monthly and you will be paid monthly.

If you intend on having another on-campus job during the academic year, please note that you are only allowed to work a TOTAL of 28 hours per week campus-wide. International students are allowed to work a TOTAL of 20 hours per week campus-wide.

ROOM AND BOARD:

Room and board expenses are not included in the Student Staff compensation and will be the financial responsibility of the student. There is a special Student Staff housing rate.

The room and board rates may be found online at: <http://www.atu.edu/stuaccts/tuitionfees.php>.

For additional information regarding the Peer Health Advocate position, please contact Residence Life at housing@atu.edu or call at 479-968-0376