



2014 Peer Architect Position Description

An essential role of the Peer Architect is to communicate a tremendous amount of information about Florida SouthWestern State College to first time students through a mentoring relationship that is cultivated as part of the SLS 1515 Cornerstone Experience course and in the First Year Experience Office. As a Peer Architect, you will be trained to help students transition and adjust to college academics, be knowledgeable as it relates to student services, course content, and campus life. A critical part of mentoring is connecting first-year students with academic resources including: faculty, advisors, tutors, the First Year Experience Office, Academic Success Centers, the Library, etc. Peer Architects will attend all course meeting of their assigned SLS 1515 course(s), communicate with your course instructor outside of class time, facilitate workshops and events, and attend regular Peer Architect team meetings and additional in-service trainings throughout the term.

Peer Architect Requirements

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Must be enrolled as a student at FSW and looking to continue as a student for the upcoming semester
- Be in good academic and disciplinary standing
- Comply with all aspects of Florida SouthWestern's Student Code of Conduct
- Relate well with students, faculty, and administration
- Have a willingness to learn about the college's programs and services
- Have strong interpersonal communication skills (i.e. public speaking and listening)
- Demonstrate an ability to work with groups of diverse individuals, be a team player
- Be reliable, responsible, confident and sincere
- Maintain the highest ethical and professional conduct at all times
- Be present and participate in the following activities: SLS 1515 course sections, all training sessions, and Peer Architect team meetings

Peer Architect Work Commitments

- Work approximately 5 hours a week per Cornerstone class section assigned
- Attend all training sessions before the start of each semester
- Attend all SLS 1515 class meetings
- Attend the monthly Peer Architect team meeting
- Be available to meet with your students individually throughout the semester
- Meet or email on a regular bases with your course instructor(s)