

Public Speaking Center Information

The Public Speaking Center provides quality peer-to-peer consulting for all UW-L students seeking assistance on oral presentations and public speaking assignments. Peer Consultants provide support for students with topic selection, outlines, delivery, presentational aids, managing speaking anxiety, and increasing confidence. Peer Consultants attend training sessions, promote the Center's services, develop and host workshops, aid in developing the Center's resources, and serve as representatives and members of the Murphy Learning Center.

Hours worked

Peer consultants work 1-8 hours per week from the third week of class until the last day of class. The Public Speaking Center is open Sunday afternoons, Monday-Thursday from the morning until the early evening, and Friday mornings. **Students choose their hours of availability.** Students who work in the Public Speaking Center set their availability and will have the same schedule for the entire semester. There is a system for emergency or conflicts for tutors to cover for each other

New Peer Consultants should plan to enroll in a 299 course in the Fall of their first semester (1 credit – meets 4:30-5:30pm Mondays) as part of their certification and training. An alternative training module is available for students who start in Spring or have other conflicts.

Murphy Learning Center Peer Consultants

What are the requirements to being a peer tutor?

- At least a 3.0 GPA (or permission from the Murphy Learning Center Director)
- Grade of an A, AB, or B in subject content being tutored
- Recommendation of two faculty/staff from the discipline you would like to tutor (see application)
- Successful completion of CST 110 (upon start of tutoring in the Public Speaking Center)

What are the qualities of a good peer tutor?

An effective tutor should possess the following traits:

- Dependability and punctuality
- Effective communication skills: listening, speaking, and observing
- Empathetic and understanding toward others
- Developed study habits
- Personable and organized
- Willingness to learn and work with others

Being a peer tutor enhances your resume!

- Improved interpersonal and communication skills
- Increased knowledge of subject matter
- Greater confidence and ability to interact with a variety of people
- Satisfaction of helping others