

## **ICEI Residence Life Peer Mentor**

### **Job Description:**

The Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative (ICEI) offers students with intellectual/developmental disabilities, ages 18-22 who are receiving special education services through their district, a dual enrollment opportunity. Students enroll in college courses that are aligned with their long-term goals while also participating in various activities to increase their social, academic, and employment skills. The BSU ICEI program has continued to receive grant funding from the Institute of Higher Education to provide ICEI students the opportunity to live on campus full-time alongside their peers.

ICEI Residence Life Peer Mentors will serve as role models and peer educators. They will work to create a comfortable and safe environment in which ICEI students can individually “find their feet” in the Bridgewater State University community. They will help ICEI students have fulfilling social experiences while on campus. They will provide students with the tools and knowledge they need to navigate their college experience.

### **Responsibilities – ICEI Residence Life Peer Mentors will:**

- Serve during the hours of 4:00pm-8:00pm, at least 3 days per week on a rotating basis
- Check in with mentees to monitor health and safety at least 2 times during active duty
- Initiate social interaction with each mentee, ensuring at least 1 person-to-person activity takes place per week
- Encourage mentees to attend and become involved in campus clubs and activities, facilitating involvement and attending events with mentees when appropriate
- Provide academic support to each mentee, if needed
- Act as a guide if conflicts arise, referring mentees to ICEI RA when needed
- Help mentees become familiar with university resources, i.e. the BSU library, AAC, Wellness Center, Career Services, etc.
- Encourage mentees in their development of independent living skills
- Serve as a role model, exhibiting enthusiasm, motivation, and involvement
- Model appropriate social skills and behaviors - exercise good judgment in representing the university and upholding the BSU Student Code of Conduct
- Attend and participate in mandatory ICEI Residence Life trainings and scheduled orientation
- Participate in other ICEI activities and events as opportunities arise (ex. End of Year Celebration, Career Connections Workshops, etc.)
- Maintain ongoing communication with mentees
- Maintain timely and consistent correspondence with ICEI Residence Life Coordinator and ICEI Resident Assistant
- Submit weekly Residence Life Peer Mentor Activity Logs to ICEI Coordinator
- Meet with ICEI Residence Life Coordinator for supervisory meetings, 2 times per month

### **Qualifications:**

- Peer Mentors must have a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher
- Must be a full-time Sophomore, Junior or Senior residential student at BSU

- Must have attended BSU as a full-time student for at least two previous semesters
- Be in good standing with BSU – no active judicial sanctions
- Be involved in BSU's academic and / or co-curricular programs
- Possess compassion, patience, flexibility, and motivation
- Able to set appropriate boundaries and maintain a healthy level of professionalism
- Strong organizational, written and oral communication skills
- It would be beneficial to have knowledge of or experience with disabilities
- Have availability during mid-morning/early afternoon on weekdays to accommodate meeting with your mentee for a minimum of one hour
- Complete and pass a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI)