SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION (SI) LEADER JOB DESCRIPTION

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is an academic support model that utilizes peer-assisted study sessions to improve student retention and success within targeted, historically difficult courses. The weekly review sessions are facilitated by “SI Leaders”, students who have previously done well in the course (received an A or B) and who attend all class lectures, take notes, and act as model students. The program encourages collaborative learning and shows students how to integrate course content and study skills. SI is a free and voluntary service that provides a non-remedial approach to learning since it targets high-risk courses rather than high-risk students.

Supplemental Instruction is proven to work and improves student outcomes by half to a whole letter grade in comparison studies of the GPAs of SI attendees versus non-SI attendees. This model is widely applicable across disciplines.

Qualifications:
- Earned A or B in the course
- Must be able to attend course lecture
- Current enrollment as a UAB student
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- Personable and communicative
- Able to speak in front of groups of people
- Academically creative

Expectations:
- Attendance at SI leader orientation workshop prior to or at the beginning of each term
- Attendance at monthly SI Leader meetings
- Assist students in reviewing course content
- Guide the students in learning study skills
- Timely submission of timesheet every other week
- Provide SI Coordinator with an up-to-date schedule of SI sessions

Duties and Responsibilities:
- Attend every course lecture
- Take notes during class
- Act as a “model student”
- Conduct 2-3 (50 to 75 minute) review sessions per week
- Create worksheets based upon the class content during review sessions
- Hold mock exams as necessary
- Upload weekly session attendance
- Meet with the professor once per week
- Create lesson plans for SI sessions
- Attend staff meetings and trainings
- Maintain accurate and current course webpage
- Make regular announcements to publicize SI sessions
- Other tasks as assigned

Miscellaneous:
- Pay: $9/hour
- Work on average 7 to 9 hours each week
- Maintain regular contact with SI Coordinator
- Uphold confidentiality agreement and adhere to all policies

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