College Mentor
Job Description

“The water that I will give you will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:14

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During the THEA Summer Institute, College Mentors serve as role models, resident assistants, small group facilitators, and ambassadors for the high school participants. College Mentors are tasked with creating a welcoming environment that fosters the spiritual development of each participant as a member of the THEA community. They are responsible for the safety and well-being of the participants.

Mentors live on campus in the residence halls, enforce quiet hours in the evening, and lead faith-sharing groups throughout the week.

Responsibilities

- Attend mentor training prior to the Institute
- Live on campus June 19 – 25, 2022
- Facilitate a faith-sharing group of 6-8 high school students
- Organize recreational activities that foster spiritual community
- Guide participants to a deeper understanding of faith, leadership, and caring for the Earth
- Help participants discover their gifts and awaken their vocational dream.
- Serve as an informal Loyola ambassador, answering questions about Loyola and college life
- Function as Resident Assistants, ensuring that participants and adhere to policies and safety guidelines, including rotating through a night-time duty schedule
- Advise participants in the development of a proposal for a community project
- Assist THEA staff as needed

Qualifications

- Be an undergraduate, degree-seeking student
- Have an LUC grade point average (cumulative) of at least 3.0 at the time of application
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work as a member of a team
- Experience and passion for working with high school students
- Ability to articulate an understanding of environmental and social issues, environmental sustainability, Catholic Social Teaching, and Ignatian Spirituality

All College Mentors must complete and pass a background check because they are overseeing minors.

Compensation & Time Commitment

- College Mentors will be paid $15/hour, plus overtime
- Spring Semester
  - Introductory meeting in April: 1 hour. Date TBD
  - Virtus training: 3 hours, on your own schedule
- Training (June 15-17): 12 hours
  - 10am to 2pm on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
  - Saturday, June 18 is a rest day

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• Institute (June 19-25): approximately 80 hours
  o 11am to 11pm on Sunday
  o 12pm to 11pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
  o 7am to 11pm on Wednesday (field trip to downtown Chicago)
  o 7am to 1:30pm on Saturday
  o Late night duty: rotation; each mentor will be on duty (with a partner) two nights
• College Mentors are asked not to have any other commitments during the THEA Institute week

About the Theology of Healing Earth in Action Institute

The Theology of Healing Earth in Action (THEA) Institute explores water through scientific, ethical, and spiritual lenses to approach a deeper understanding of the sacredness of water and to inspire future climate leaders.

Each year, the THEA Summer Institute welcomes 35 high school students to our beautiful Lake Shore Campus to dive deep into the significance of water in our lives, our faith, and our world. Students engage in classes, daily guided prayer experiences, and small group conversations where they are encouraged to explore their personal vocation to care for and heal the earth. Learn more about THEA at our website: www.LUC.edu/thea.

Community Projects

During the Institute, high school participants will propose a community project that calls them to action on a topic of interest related to Water in their small group. At the conclusion of the Institute (on Saturday), each small group will present their call to action.

Institute Team

The Institute team includes a faculty team to teach classes, college mentors who serve as small group facilitators, program assistants who support the logistical needs of the Institute, and Campus Ministry staff who execute a variety of mission-driven programming throughout the week.

Apply Now

• Upload your resume and cover letter to this job listing on Handshake (search “College Mentor – THEA Institute”)
• Your resume should include any involvement or leadership roles in Campus Ministry programs
• In your cover letter, be sure to describe your experience with environmental sustainability and how your faith has or has not shaped your perspective
• Applications are due March 1, 2022

To learn more about the THEA Institute, visit our website: www.LUC.edu/thea

If you have any questions, please get in touch: thea@LUC.edu