Communication Within the Curriculum (CWiC) Advisor Application Process

CWiC Majors and More Dinner: 6:00 pm Tuesday, October 28th in Gregory House
Register at: http://www.college.upenn.edu/events/major-dinner-cwic

Application Eligibility:
Only Penn undergraduates may apply. Seniors are not eligible. First, second, and third year students are encouraged to apply. If you enjoy listening to speeches and want to support your peers as they work to improve their speaking abilities, you should apply. You must also be interested in understanding your own strengths and weaknesses and interested in improving your skills.

Application Answers:
Q: Do I need experience in competitive speaking?
No. Although experience in competitive forms of speaking such as forensics and student congress may be helpful in some respects, such experience does not necessarily help one become an effective peer tutor and is not required. Former or current forensics competitors do not have an inherent advantage when applying.

Q: Do I need to be an outstanding public speaker?
No. More important than your current speaking skill level is your desire to both be coached and to coach your peers. An important part of the course is giving and receiving constructive feedback. If you do not want to work to improve as a public speaker, then you should not apply. If you are committed to becoming a more engaging and creative public speaker, then you should apply.

Q: Do I need to be an outstanding listener?
Yes. Few of us are outstanding listeners, though, so you can strive to improve your abilities as an active listener. However, when you apply, you need to be a very attentive listener who won’t make excuses. If you need to be checking your phone, monitoring your Facebook page, etc. while in class or doing anything that is not CWiC-related, then you should not waste your time by applying. If you value listening as much (or more than) speaking, then you should apply.

Application Instructions:
Because students who successfully complete the course then work as paid speaking advisors during subsequent semesters, interested students must complete an application for admission to the course, found on the website (www.sas.upenn.edu/cwic). If, after reviewing the web site, you have questions, contact Dr. Sue Weber, CWiC’s Associate Director, at weberes@sas.upenn.edu.

2014-15 Application Timeline:
• Fall Semester 2014:
  o Fri. Nov. 7th — applications due at 11:59 p.m.
  o Wed. Nov. 12th—Sat. Nov. 15th — (30 minute) CWiC Advisors interview invited candidates
  o Wed. Nov. 19th—CWiC invites selected students to register for the course (given a permit)
  o Fri. Dec. 5th — Deadline for course registration*
• *Note that if you are invited to register for the course, your seat is guaranteed as long as you register by Dec. 5th. Applicants who are not selected to enroll in the course will be contacted by Dec. 8th.