Indiana University Crimson CORPS

Caring, Open Minded, Respectful Peer Support

What is Crimson CORPS?

Crimson CORPS is a group of carefully selected undergraduate students, trained to provide informal, accepting and non-judgmental peer support. As a new student group, the mission of the Corps is to promote a culture of compassion and action at IU, and to bring awareness to issues of emotional well-being within the student community. We do this through peer-to-peer support, advocacy and outreach.

Who can join the CORPS?

We are looking to create a **diverse** group of undergraduate students who offer **different perspectives** but who are bonded by a **common commitment** to our mission and shared values involving:

- A passion for helping others
- An interest in stretching themselves to engage with people on a different level
- An openness to expanding their sense of compassion, tolerance and appreciation of themselves and others
- A desire to make a difference in the lives of fellow IU students

What will I learn?

Crimson CORPS members are **trained** and **supervised** by the **professional staff** at IU's Counseling & Psychological Services. Skills you'll acquire will be useful in all aspects of your life. We will help you **learn how to**:

- Listen actively without judgment
- Engage people from different backgrounds
- Gather important information in non-threatening ways
- Engender a feeling of trust and safety

What will be required of me?

Crimson CORPS is a **commitment** but one that is **rewarding** on many levels. As we are in the beginning phases of this program, members who join now will be active in shaping program, activities and services of the CORPS. What we ask you right now is that you commit to:

- Attend an initial half-day training
- Attend additional 90 minute training sessions once per month
- Volunteer for at least two semesters following your training
- Bring your passion and energy to the mission of the Crimson CORPS

I'M IN…HOW DO I JOIN?

Complete an application and either email it to ccorps@indiana.edu or drop of a hard copy at Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS), in the IU Health Center, 600 N. Jordan, 4th floor. A CAPS staff member will contact you via email to schedule an interview. **For more info on the Crimson CORPS, email us at ccorps@indiana.edu.**

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Please submit by October 1, 2011.

Name: **Date:**

Year: **Program of Study:**

Local Address:

Best Phone # to Reach You: **Email Address:**

Employed: _____ yes _____ no If yes, where: **How long?**

Other organizations to which you belong:

test

On a separate page, please answer the following questions. Please limit your answers to 1 or 2 paragraphs.

Why do you want to you to join the Crimson CORPS?

What experiences (professional, volunteer or personal) have you had that might be relevant to working with the Crimson CORPS?

In what ways do you feel you can contribute to the work of Crimson CORPS?

References: please list two people you've known in an academic, volunteer or professional capacity:

Name: Phone:
Relationship to this person: Email:

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For more info on Crimson CORPS, email us at ccorps@indiana.edu, or go to the Counseling & Psychological Services website at http://healthcenter.indiana.edu/counseling.