**COR Volunteer Position Description**

The Campus Observation Room (COR) is a voluntary, confidential, non-judgmental place where students who have had too much to drink can come to sleep it off. COR operates as a non-medical detox service run by Student Wellness Services in partnership with Kingston Community Health Sciences Centre (KCHS). COR is a harm-reduction program aimed at reducing the risk of alcohol-related injury by assessing and monitoring intoxicated students, and referring them to a medical facility when warranted.

COR is an integral part of the Queen's University initiative to reduce the negative outcomes associated with excessive alcohol use. Its primary goal is to reduce the risk of alcohol related injury or death through observation of intoxicated individuals using established protocols.

**COR Volunteer Responsibilities**

Under the direction of a trained detox worker from KCHS (Hotel Dieu Detox Centre), volunteers assess and monitor intoxicated individuals to ensure their safety. Training is provided and volunteers are encouraged to assist the detox workers or take the lead as they feel comfortable.

COR typically opens from 9:00 pm until 7:00 am the following morning during Friday and Saturday nights throughout the fall term and January. It may also open and have extended hours for special occasions such as Homecoming, Halloween and St. Patrick’s Day. Volunteers sign up for in person or on-call shifts, 5 hours in length, from either 9:00 pm – 2:00 am or 2:00 am – 7:00 am, as fits with their schedules.

All volunteers are required to attend training in Orientation Week, and to work two in-COR shifts per month and two on-call shifts per month. Volunteers are required to be available for shifts during special occasions. In the fall semester, especially during Orientation Week, volunteers are involved with activities that help promote and educate students about the service COR offers and safer alcohol consumption.

**Harm Reduction Philosophy**

Staff and volunteers take a non-judgemental approach when assisting intoxicated students who need observation. Volunteers take a harm reduction approach to all alcohol education by promoting safety and smart choices, not abstinence.

**Qualifications**

* Current Queen’s University student enrolled in current academic year and eligible to return to Queen’s University for the upcoming academic year.
* An interest in helping keep Queen's students safe and working in an on-campus safety service.
* An appreciation of common health concerns faced by post-secondary students and of how alcohol is connected to physical, mental and social health.
* An interest in harm reduction and alcohol misuse and a willingness to learn more about these areas, including how to provide care to an intoxicated person.
* Be self-directed and able to take initiative to solve problems.
* Be able to work on a team with diverse professionals, and take direction as required.
* Strong communication skills, including the ability to communicate in challenging situations.
* Presentation skills to deliver information about COR to small and medium sized-groups during outreach events (training is provided).
* Technical skills to prepare health communication materials (posters, etc.) would be considered an asset.
* Be able to sign and uphold the Student Wellness Services confidentiality agreement.
* Be available to complete at least 4 shifts in COR (2 in-person and 2 on-call) a month.
* Be available to support COR outreach and education (approx. 10 hours).
* Be available to volunteer for both the Homecoming & St. Patrick’s Day weekends.
* Successful completion of CPR-A Certification before starting shifts in COR. \*Note\* CPR-A certification (or greater CPR B and CPR C are also valid) is required to volunteer in COR. There will be opportunities to attend CPR-A courses this summer and September so all successful applicants can complete their certification, so applicants DO NOT require this certification to apply to the position of COR volunteer.

Volunteers also need to be available to attend the mandatory full day COR training during Orientation week **(exact date TBD).**Volunteers involved in a leadership position during Orientation week or with other special circumstances will be able to attend a make-up training during the first two weeks of classes.