



Students Helping Students To Succeed in Medical School

Each M2 student is assigned to an advocate just prior to the start of M2 orientation. These volunteers have elected to call themselves “Student Advocates” because their primary goal is to support the needs and interests of medical students at UICOMP. Students are urged to contact Advocates about any matters in which another student’s perspective could be helpful.

WHY was the Student Advocate program created?

- To help orient incoming M2’s to UICOMP and Peoria.
- To encourage and enable informal student “networking.”

WHAT will Student Advocates do?

- Answer General Questions and Provide “student-to-student” Support for Peoria-bound M1’s and UICOMP M2’s.
 - Be knowledgeable about UICOMP resources.
 - Recognize when a problem or question is beyond their scope or authority.
 - Refer students to appropriate offices or personnel.
 - Informally help students sort out and solve problems, without *telling* them what to do.
 - Understand confidentiality – never promise to keep a secret unless it can be *guaranteed* that doing so will not create a risk of harm to any person.
 - Share their opinions and clearly label them as opinions.
- Be available by email and phone.
- Assist with the design and delivery of (a) programs for Peoria-bound M1’s; (b) M2 orientation; and (c) other academic support programs for students.
- Act as liaisons between UICOMP students and the Student Affairs Office.
- Assist with admissions interviews.

WHAT will Student Advocates NOT do?

- Not serve as tutors or do academic advising.
- Not provide psychological counseling, nor give medical advice.
- Not serve as official representatives of UICOMP.

HOW can someone contact a Student Advocate or find out more about the program?

- Email your assigned advocate at the email address given.
- Contact the Student Affairs office at 309.671.8410 or lpr@uic.edu.

WHO are the Student Advocates? Keep going to find out