



The Illumination Project

Application Information
2021

Dear Student,

The **PCC Illumination Project** is seeking students to participate in our peer education social justice theater program during Winter & Spring Terms 2021. As the COVID-19 situation evolves, so will the *Illumination Project*. The show must go on! The program will be run remotely or at Sylvania Campus if safe to do so.

The *Illumination Project* is an exciting student leadership program based at the PCC Sylvania campus. The program is designed to address issues of social justice including racism, sexism, heterosexism, and classism utilizing interactive theater. Students enter the program the beginning of Winter Term and continue through the end of Spring Term.

The *Illumination Project* provides participating students with an opportunity to learn about social justice issues and interactive theater while developing skills as educators, actors, activists, and leaders. These students then educate other students, staff and faculty audiences on confronting stereotypes, conflict negotiation and promoting racial, gender and economic equity.

The *Illumination Project* training is highly interactive and we will base our work on the life experiences of students involved. Students in the program gain skills in writing, acting, facilitating, event coordination, activism, education, public relations and community organizing. Students also build a close community of friends and colleagues.

Students in the program receive 8 tuition free Sociology credits.

Applications are due by 5:00 PM Monday, August 17th, 2020.

(You may also apply online <https://www.pcc.edu/illumination/become/>)

Sincerely,

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Program Commitment

To be eligible you need to commit to a TWO TERM process that includes:

WINTER TERM: Class time is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 AM -12:50 PM in PAC 101 or remotely. There is a mandatory retreat weekend on January 8, 9, and 10 (on-campus or via remote conferencing). The retreat schedule is as follows:

- ◆ Friday, January 8: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- ◆ Saturday, January 9: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- ◆ Sunday, January 10: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

SPRING TERM: Ten to twelve hours a week that includes class time, homework, committee work, rehearsals and performances (in person or remote) around PCC Sylvania, other PCC campuses and community organizations. Class continues to meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 AM - 12:50 PM *with an additional class time on Fridays from 10:00 – 12:50 AM.*



During the 2021 academic year you will need:

- ◆ To be a PCC student in good standing including with the Dean of Students
- ◆ To have a 2.5 GPA or above
- ◆ To meet standard prerequisites (WR/RD 115 and Math 20). These may be waived with instructor approval
- ◆ To be enrolled at PCC with at least 2 credits per term besides the Illumination Project. Spring Term IP Student Educators may not take more than 13 credits total
- ◆ To have a flexible enough schedule to meet outside of class time

We are also looking for the ability to:

- ◆ Follow through on commitments. This includes **time commitments**
- ◆ Work collaboratively in a diverse group
- ◆ You DO NOT need any previous theater or social justice training



Students in the Program Receive:

- ◆ **Students receive a total of 8 tuition free credits** - four free sociology credits each term (214 a and b). These credits are college transferable, and meet general education and cultural literacy requirements.



How to apply:

- ◆ Limited space is available in the program so we encourage you to start the application process immediately.
- ◆ Respond in writing to the supplementary questions on a separate sheet of paper making sure to include your name, phone number, student ID #, email and street address.
- ◆ Applications are also available on the Illumination Project website
<https://www.pcc.edu/illumination/become/>
- ◆ **Application due date is 5 pm Monday, August 17th, 2020. Apply early as the class fills up!**
- ◆ Turn in the form, answers to questions to shelley.smith16@pcc.edu or apply online at <https://www.pcc.edu/illumination/become/>
- ◆ After turning in the application form, you will be contacted for an in-person interview.

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Application Questions

Preferred Name: _____

What pronouns do you use? (ex: they/them/theirs; she/her/hers; he/him/his):_____

PCC ID/ G Number:_____

Phone Number:_____

PCC Email Address:_____

How did you learn about the Illumination Project?_____

Do you meet the requirements? These can be waived with instructor approval.

Have a 2.5 GPA
or above

Yes

No

Completed Math
20

Yes

No

Completed
WR/RD 115

Yes

No

If you don't meet any of the above requirements, let us know why. We may be able to waive the requirements.

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Application Questions

Please answer these questions on separate sheet of paper and attach to this form.

1. Please describe your reasons for wanting to participate in the Illumination Project.
2. Please describe any skills, knowledge or experience you bring to your work on the Illumination Project.
3. Working in the Illumination Project means exploring many different issues present in the lives of diverse communities (such as people of color, women, immigrants, LGBTQ+ communities, people with disabilities, poor and working-class people, etc.). Please describe any experiences you may have had which you feel have prepared you to work in this environment.
4. The class learns together all year in community! We have lots of fun while working on social justice issues. What are ways we can make room for our personal and collective growth around challenging social issues?
5. This program requires the ability to follow through on commitments, personal initiative and good attendance. Please describe your experience in these areas.
6. Is there anything else you would want us to know about you?



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APPLICATION CHECK LIST

Do you meet the requirements?

- You are a PCC student in good standing
- You have a 2.5 GPA or above
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- You will be enrolled at PCC with at least 2 credits per term besides the Illumination Project. (Spring Term IP Student Educators may not take more than 13 credits total.)
- You have a flexible enough schedule to meet outside of class time

Make sure you include:

- **Supplementary Questions:** Print these out on a separate sheet of paper (making sure to include your name, phone number, student ID #, email and street address)

Remember:

DUE DATE IS: 5 PM Monday, June 22nd, 2020