FAQs for Instructors regarding the SCC Beacon Tutor Program

**What is the Beacon Program?**
The Beacon Program provides teamwork between you as the instructor, your students and a Beacon tutor for your class. It is a *modified Supplemental Instruction tutoring program* where the Beacon tutor works **up to five (5) hours/ week:**

a) facilitating group study sessions that focus on the content areas you want covered for 2 hrs/wk;
b) meeting with you and your class 1 hr/wk;
c) preparing for the group sessions for 1 hr/wk; and
d) consulting with you for 1 hr/wk.

**Who may obtain a Beacon tutor?**
Any faculty member (FT/PT) teaching any course through SCC may request a Beacon tutor.

**How do I get a Beacon tutor?**
Talk to your students or ask your colleagues for student tutor recommendations. Have student(s) complete the Beacon Tutor Application. Be sure you complete the Instructor’s section of the application.

**What is required of me as a Beacon instructor?**

a) Connect with your tutor on a weekly basis.
b) Provide supervision of out-of-class Beacon sessions (or confirm there is supervision).
c) Provide handouts/ supplementary materials.
d) Help guide the development of activities that support course concepts.
e) Sign the tutor’s timesheet certifying the hours worked during the time period.

**How can I get students interested in attending the Beacon sessions?**
Consider offering an incentive. Some instructors give extra credit or drop a quiz for attending Beacon sessions.

**What is needed from a Beacon tutor applicant?**

- Submit a completed Beacon Tutor Application
- Earned an A or B in the course for which applying
- Has an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Be enrolled in a minimum of six units at SCC (to be a paid tutor)

**How much are Beacon tutors paid?**
They are paid the current minimum wage for **up to 5 hours/ week.**

**Applicants hired as Beacon tutors**

- **Not all applicants will be hired.** However, each applicant and faculty member requesting a Beacon tutor will be contacted by the Beacon Coordinator.
- May be hired as paid or volunteer tutors
- **Cannot begin working until** a) they have completed and submitted the appropriate employment paperwork with the LSTC; and b) have been given a start date by the Tutorial Services Assistant or Beacon Coordinator.

**Applicants hired to be Beacon tutors are required to:**

a) Attend at least one Beacon/Tutor meeting during the semester.
b) Enroll in or have successfully completed LTAT 311: Introduction to Group Peer Tutoring (unless has earned a B.A. or B.S. degree). Note: This class may require a separate orientation.
c) Register for or have completed SCC’s Sexual Harassment Prevention Tutor Training.

**For more information, go to** [http://www.scc.losrios.edu/learningskillstutoring/beacon-tutoring/](http://www.scc.losrios.edu/learningskillstutoring/beacon-tutoring/) **Or contact the Learning Skills & Tutoring Center (LRC-144; 916-558-2258).**