

Peer Mentor Information & Application

Remember the first few weeks of life at Indiana University Southeast? Between adjusting to life at IUS, your new classmates, and your class load, you probably could have used a few helpful hints from someone who knew the ropes. Here's an opportunity to give that kind of help to next year's incoming class...become a **MENTOR!**

The "Access To Success" Program

The mission of the **Access To Success** Program is to provide an opportunity for new students to connect with mentors who are knowledgeable about Indiana University Southeast. Peer Mentors are upper-class students who assist new students in their transition to college. The mentoring process provides first-year students with the support and encouragement needed to be successful at Indiana University Southeast.

The Role of the Peer Mentor

Being a Peer Mentor is challenging and requires dedication and perseverance. As with all relationships, you must be willing to work to build trust among your student mentors. This takes time, and most importantly, commitment. We encourage you to establish a personal relationship with your mentees with the goals of connecting, equipping, and educating students the first year of their undergraduate experience.

Responsibilities of a Peer Mentor

- Mentor 2 new students during the academic year
- Attend Peer Mentor training/orientation
- Attend Mentoring Program Events
- Attend the Collegiate Summer Institute (CSI) four Fridays in July
- Attend monthly peer mentor meetings
- Attend a Peer Mentor evaluation meeting
- Contact with mentees in person at least twice a month in addition to e-mail, phone, text, and group activities
- Document your mentees' progress on contact sheets and submit to the CFM office
- Complete a program evaluation

Benefits of being a Peer Mentor

- Receive an opportunity to assist new students in making a positive transition to IUS
- Service to the university
- Develop and improve organizational and leadership skills
- Receive a scholarship of \$1,000 for the academic year
- Para-professional opportunity

Qualifications of a Peer Mentor

- Should be knowledgeable of the college community
- Should be personable, flexible and considerate of the needs of a new student
- Should be committed and sensitive to the needs of the mentoring program
- Should have completed at least 26 credit hours
- Should have at least a 2.3 grade point average (GPA)
- Should be willing to meet the necessary time commitment of the program

We hope you take the next step and apply to participate. Previous experience in a mentoring program is *not* required to participate as a Peer Mentor.

- Complete and return the application to the Center for Mentoring, US 205.
- Candidates will be informed by phone or mail if they will receive an interview.
- All mentors must attend an orientation/training session.

Contact Information

Lisa Shelfer - Office Services Assistant - Center for Mentoring – US 205 – 812.941.2516 - mentorin@ius.edu

Peer Mentor Application Form

The information provided on this form is strictly confidential and will be used for the sole purpose of matching you with a mentee. The only persons who will have access to this information are the interviewers and/or the Access to Success staff. All files are properly secured at all times. Although we cannot always match all of your preferences, we will strive to accommodate as many of your needs as possible.
(Please type or print neatly.)



Name: _____ ID#: _____
Last First MI

Mailing Address: _____
Street / Apt. # / P.O. Box # City State Zip

IUS Email: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____ Other Phone: _____

Gender: ___Female ___Male Age: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Major: _____

Current Enrollment Status: ___Fulltime ___Part-time G.P.A. _____ Academic Status: ___Sophomore ___Junior ___Senior

Previous Peer Mentoring Experience: _____

Career Goal: _____

References (List 2 faculty/staff with phone numbers and email addresses): _____

ESSAY REQUIREMENT: Please write and attach a brief essay explaining why you would like to become a Peer Mentor. Include any personal commitments or characteristics/skills that would make you a good mentor. What do you hope to achieve for yourself and others as a mentor? Please indicate any areas you would like us to consider when making an assignment (e.g. extra-curricular activities, academic interests, hobbies, etc.).

Statement of Intent

By signing this form, I agree to the following:

- 1) I will attend an orientation/training workshop.
- 2) I will actively participate in the events and programs sponsored by the Access To Success Program.
- 3) I will keep in regular contact or schedule appointments with my mentee during the academic year (minimum once every two weeks).
- 4) I will contact the mentoring office if I begin to have problems related to my mentees (i.e. academic or communication problems, etc.)
- 5) I will maintain at least a 2.3 G.P.A.
- 6) I will attend the Collegiate Summer Institute (CSI) in July.
- 7) I have completed at least 26 credit hours.
- 8) I will meet the Director for the end of semester evaluation.

I certify that all information on my application is accurate and I give the Center for Mentoring and Student Outreach permission to verify any information included in this application. My signature below represents an awareness of my commitment and responsibilities to my mentees and the Access To Success Program.

Signature

Date

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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