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Noun: An adviser.

Verb: To advise or train (someone).

A mentor is an experienced person who provides information, advice, support, and encouragement to a less experienced person, often leading and guiding by example of his/her success in an area.

Suggestions from 2012 Peer Mentors:

I wish I had been honest about how much I know (or don't know)

I should have asked for help (no question is stupid)

You are here for yourself, not to impress anyone in class, etc.

Take more initiative, establish rapport with professor

I wish I had managed my time better

How you approach studying is as equally important as the content

Motivate others to work hard, realize motivations

Be Proactive; it's easier to get things done ahead of time

Ask for (and provide) honest feedback to help you move forward

Give student tools to solve problems, make decisions, learn the value of working through issues for themselves

Create a trusting relationship between mentor and student, build rapport

Follow up, quickly (shows that you care, that you are organized, that they are a priority of yours)

Consistency is important

Get a calendar, budget your time

You are a Role model; model successful strategies

Offer Encouragement; YOU CAN overcome & persevere

Use technology to reach out to students (FB page, Skype, etc.) to feel connected

Pay attention to find out what is important to students, build connections