

July 7, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Traditional Track BSN students

FROM: Dr. Johnson-Mallard
Office of Student Success
Associate Dean, Student Affairs

SUBJECT: Peer Mentor Program

The University of Florida College of Nursing (CON) seeks to obtain outstanding senior student mentors for new incoming traditional track students. The CON believes that the student mentors serve an important role in introducing and supporting new students entering the baccalaureate program, in addition to the faculty and staff already in place.

As a mentor, you and another mentor will be assigned to a clinical group of new nursing students before orientation to assist their transition into the program. Duties include being present for the virtual orientation, which is currently scheduled for Thursday, August 27th, answering any questions they may have, and making yourself available during the year to answer questions and help acclimate them to nursing. Once on campus activities resume, you may be called upon to meet with your group in person, give a campus tour and participate in an abbreviated on campus orientation.

Additionally the CON believes that student mentors represent the high standards of the program and are leaders and role models of their class. Mentors are held to high professional standards, are expected to fully support, and endorse all college and university guidelines. If you feel you are unable to uphold and represent these standards, please reconsider submitting your application.

It is important to realize that newly admitted nursing students look to their peer mentors for insight, experience, and wisdom. First, a word of caution, something that may have worked for you may not necessarily benefit other students. Unconventional advice such as "I never studied, you don't need to read or buy your textbooks, etc." can be extremely harmful to other students. Mentors are expected to exercise caution in any recommendations made to mentees. If at any time, you are found to not be upholding the professional and academic standards of this responsibility you will be released from your mentor responsibilities.

Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity and I look forward to working with you.

Traditional Track Applicants

This year for the fall traditional admission term, we have admitted 120 students. The orientation schedule is listed below. Class mentors will need to be available, as needed the entire day of orientation.

Thursday, August 27, 2020

8:00am-2:00pm

ZOOM Conference Meeting

Submit your application to kfoote@ufl.edu by **Friday, August 7th**

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PEER MENTOR APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

UFL Email: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

In seeking well-rounded students who are able to support and mentor incoming students, please list some of the activities you are involved in and a summary of academic performance.

Why would you like to be a part of the College of Nursing Mentor Program? (Limit to 1-2 sentences)

Being a mentor to new students requires you to support their Gator Nurse experience in the College for the first two semesters of the program. In what ways would you contribute to the newly entrancing baccalaureate students and their experience? (Limit to 1-2 sentences)

Describe what strengths you bring to the role of "senior mentor". (Limit to 1-2 sentences)

