Student Peer Mentor Information

Program Overview
The purpose of the Peer Mentor Program is to promote the improvement of academic success, persistence and successful completion of students. Vernon College Student Peer Mentors are selected through an application process based on criteria including proven success as a student and interest in helping others. The Peer Mentor Program is designed to provide support and guidance to students as they adjust to college life. Vernon College’s Student Peer Mentors are committed to sharing their experiences to provide motivation and promote self-efficacy. Student Peer Mentors help students connect to college services and resources, find information on policies and dates, develop time management strategies, and take action regarding academic and career goals.

Who are VC’s ‘Mentors’?
Student Peer Mentors are current VC students who have successfully navigated community college and are willing to develop relationships with other students (mentees) who are seeking support and guidance.

Program Criteria:
- Attended VC for at least 1 semester and earned 12 VC credit hours
- Completed all developmental courses
- A Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Willingness to make a semester-long commitment to fulfill the program expectations
- Time to engage in mentoring activities and maintain regular contact with their mentees
- Desire to foster growth in self and others: develop goals, reach out to others, encourage and motivate
- Appreciation for diversity and an open-mind when working with others

Program expectations:
- Mentors and mentees will communicate at least once a week through meeting in person or via email, phone or other social media
- Mentors will complete monthly timesheets and mentee logs to report and summarize experiences
- Mentors will meet with the Student Success Specialists throughout the semester: once for their initial interview, during the training period and once a month during the semester
- Mentors must attend training sessions, Peer Mentor Program activities, and participate in select on-campus events (e.g. Chap Express, On-site Registration, Preview Day, Spring Fest)

Sign up now!
If you would like to be a Peer Mentor, please complete the Student Peer Mentor Application.