Transfer Mentor Program

Mission Statement

The mission of the Transfer Mentor Program is to cultivate an environment of student leadership through mentoring that assists transfer students with the transition to college life and fosters a strong sense of belonging through academic engagement, social involvement and community service.

About the Transfer Mentor Program

College presents many challenges, both academically and socially. The Transfer Mentor Program was created to connect incoming transfer students with current UT Dallas students who also transferred to the University. Transfer students who choose to join the Transfer Mentor Program are paired with a student mentor to help ease the transition to UT Dallas, specifically during their first two semesters at the University. Peer mentors at UT Dallas work to mentor new students in the following three areas: leadership development, academic support, and social engagement. In addition to providing personalized support for each mentee, the Transfer Mentor Program hosts service, academic, and social events throughout the year for participants to engage on-campus and with the program more deeply.

Leadership Development

Mentors provide guidance related to leadership opportunities on campus, including service-learning, student
organizations, mentorship across campus, and other academically and personally beneficial forms of campus engagement focused on developing leadership skills.

**Academic Support**

Mentors in the Transfer Mentor Program can help new transfer students discover important campus departments, such as the Student Success Center. Mentors serve as a personal guide through the challenges of adjusting to the academic rigor of college life, and also provide tips on studying, time management, and goal setting.

Mentors in the Transfer Mentor Program can help new transfer student connect to campus activities and resources to accommodate their specific needs and goals, like the Transfer Student Services office and Road Warriors program. Mentors and mentees also participate in Transfer Mentor Program social, academic, and service events together throughout the year.

My mentor is the absolute best! She has been a great resource to me in terms of how to adjust to academic demands and helped me with tips on how to study for classes! This has been tremendously helpful.

— Transfer Mentor Program 2019-2020 Mentee

**Contact Information**

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**COVID Operations**

The Transfer Mentor Program is being conducted virtually for the Spring 2021 semester. The Transfer Mentor Program will continue to offer peer mentoring, virtual events, and support to our participants throughout this time.