THANK YOU
for your interest in the Peer Mentor Program at Ivy Tech-Bloomington!

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WHAT IS THE PEER MENTOR PROGRAM?

New students are paired with continuing students at Ivy Tech-Bloomington to create a supportive and encouraging environment during the first year of college. Mentors use their familiarity with campus life and resources, as well as their personal experiences as Ivy Tech students, to provide valuable advice and guidance to mentees. By creating connections between students, the Peer Mentor Program personalizes the Ivy Tech Bloomington experience and creates opportunities for rewarding interpersonal relationships.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Peer mentors must be continuing students with the following characteristics:

- 2.0 or higher GPA
- Aware of campus life and resources
- Willing to share personal experience as an Ivy Tech student

Peer mentees may be any new student at Ivy Tech-Bloomington.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM?

For the mentor, the Peer Mentor Program provides opportunities to answer student questions, give back, lend a listening ear, and offer encouragement. Returning students know first-hand, from their own experiences, what it’s like to be in a new college environment. It also provides an opportunity to help a new student transition into the college environment.

For the mentee, the Peer Mentor Program provides support and stability during the transition to the college environment, ways to get involved in campus activities, and opportunities to improve communication and self-advocacy skills. It also provides the opportunity to connect with a continuing student at Ivy Tech-Bloomington.

HOW ARE MATCHES MADE?

Students complete an application, providing personal and academic information, and preferences for matching.

Matches may be made according to major, gender, or other criteria. Final decisions about pairing are made by the Peer Mentor Coordinators, based whenever possible on students’ first or second choices.

Students are notified about the matches within one week of application.

HOW DO I JOIN THE PROGRAM?

To become a peer mentor or peer mentee, simply complete the form on this brochure, or visit: http://services.bloomington.ivytech.edu/forms/peerform09.html

For information about other student services at Ivy Tech-Bloomington, please visit ivytech.edu/bloomington/services