**Mentor Overview and Responsibilities**

Being a mentor is an opportunity for you to share your experience, knowledge, and skills with a SWU student who is preparing to enter life during and after college. You will act as a coach and guide, helping to develop your student's personal and professional growth.

**Purpose of the program**

This program is designed to, ultimately, improve retention by proactively and intentionally working with SWU students one-on-one, outside of the classroom, to promote overall success in college. The connection between the mentor and mentee should foster holistic growth for the student. Mentors will *not* be academic tutors, will *not* provide mental health counseling, and will *not* be held personally responsible for the student’s success at SWU.

**Responsibilities of the Mentor**

* \_\_\_\_ Weekly OR biweekly meetings with student
* \_\_\_\_ Weekly OR biweekly academic progress check-in
* \_\_\_\_ Attendance checks
* \_\_\_\_ Learning the student’s life, personal, and career goals
* \_\_\_\_ Being a positive role model
* \_\_\_\_ Promotion of student autonomy (helping student assert independence as a young adult)
* \_\_\_\_ Pushing student toward success
* \_\_\_\_ Connecting student to available resources on campus (examples include, but are not limited to: TRiO, tutoring, professors, student groups, counseling, etc.)