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## Campus Connections

# Fall 2024 Mentor Coach Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in Campus Connections!

Campus Connections is a service-learning course that pairs youth referred from the local community with UNC students in a one-on-one mentoring relationship. Undergraduate and graduate students from all majors and disciplines are invited to apply. As part of the Campus Connections course, orientation and training for students is provided and covers topics including mentoring practices and stages of adolescent development, and students have the opportunity to implement wellness programming for the youth through fun and engaging activities.

As part of the course, **mentor coaches** are required to spend one evening per week as a leader and support for their mentor families, student mentors paired with youth mentees who have been referred to Campus Connections by the juvenile justice system, local schools, or other community organizations. The goal of this program is to reduce juvenile delinquency, increase academic performance and access to college, encourage pro-social and healthy behaviors for the youth, and facilitate an enriched learning experience for UNC students.

Community youth participants are 11-18 years old and are considered to be at risk of not reaching their full potential due to individual or environmental factors. Some Campus Connections youth have committed minor criminal offenses (Level 1, such as drug/alcohol possession or vandalism), and others are coping with difficult economic, family, social behavior, or other concerns.

Mentoring will take place once a week and will include individual tutoring, group meals, exercise and wellness, and positive enrichment activities, which will be student planned and implemented based on youth needs and interests. **Mentors and mentor coaches will participate in Campus Connections from 3:30 - 9:00pm. Youth will attend from 4:30-8:30pm.** Mentors and mentor coaches will have pre-lab (3:30-4:30pm) and post-lab (8:30-9:00pm) meetings to plan for and reflect on the mentoring experience, discuss weekly readings, and for other assignments related to mentoring facilitated through Blackboard.

During the Fall 2024 semester, Campus Connections will be offered **Thursday** nights and will be from 3:30pm-9:00pm. **Undergraduate students register for APCE 385 and graduate students for APCE 785.**

If you have any questions during the application process, please do not hesitate to contact [campus.connections@unco.edu](mailto:campus.connections@unco.edu) or call 970-351-1635.

## **Application Packet Information:**

### **Application Packet Check List:**

Be sure to include the following with your application:

1. Completed Application Questions
2. Signed Campus Connections Commitment Statement
3. Signed Contract of Ethical Conduct
4. A CV or resume with relevant course work and work/volunteer experience
5. A printout of your UNC Degree Works or unofficial transcripts

Send completed application packet to [campus.connections@unco.edu](mailto:campus.connections@unco.edu).

**Only completed application packets will be considered.**

**Be aware that this application is for mentor coach ONLY. If you wish to be considered for a mentor position in the event that you are not selected to be a coach, please also submit a Mentor Application as well.**

## **Course Registration Information:**

Once you have submitted your application packet, you will be notified promptly regarding your acceptance status. If accepted, you will receive an email with detailed information about the next steps including course registration.

## **Mentor Coach Roles and Responsibilities**

### **Mentor Coaches**

- Are required to attend scheduled weekly lab sessions (3:30-4:30pm and 8:30-9:00pm).
- Must have completed at least one semester of Campus Connections as a mentor.
- Support youth mentees in assigned Mentor Family
- Facilitate small group discussions during pre-lab sessions with mentors and offer support
- Provide youth and family updates through journals on Canvas
- Support mentors in applying evidence-based practices discussed in training
- Help mentors strategize and troubleshoot difficult situations
- Assist Campus Connections Instructors with nightly organization and coordination
- Lead groups during Walk-and-Talks
- Monitor noise-levels and ensure building policies are followed
- Assist with family dinner
- Lead and assist families in nightly cleaning responsibilities
- Have fun with both the mentors and youth mentees
- Communicate with the Campus Connections Instructors and the other members of the Campus Connections Leadership Team

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## Mentor Coach Application Fall 2024

Submit to:  
[campus.connections@unco.edu](mailto:campus.connections@unco.edu)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Bear Number: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Area of Study (include 2nd major/minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Community/University Organization Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are fluent in any languages other than English, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any dietary restrictions? If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note: we do our best to accommodate dietary restrictions, however there may be times when we are unable to do so. Please speak with an instructor if you have any concerns regarding dietary restrictions.*

**Have you been involved in Campus Connections before?**

YES

Semester: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

NO

Role at CC: \_\_\_\_\_

The following two questions are optional. We collect this information for program evaluation purposes only:

With what ethnicity do you most identify? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your gender? \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you interested in being a Mentor Coach with Campus Connections?**

**What experience do you have with Campus Connections or other mentoring programs?**

**What special skills or qualities do you possess that will contribute to your role as a Mentor Coach?**

**Campus Connections Commitment Statement**

*I have seriously examined my course load and other obligations (employment, family, etc.) for the Fall 2024 semester and am confident that I am able to commit the time and energy needed to be a successful Campus Connections Mentor Coach. I understand that once I accept my invitation to participate in Campus Connections, I will be assigned a mentor family. Dropping the course after this time creates a significant hardship for the program and will be a major disappointment for the mentor family with whom I have been assigned.*

*Initial here:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include the following documents with your application:**

- Attach a copy of your **resume**.
- Attach a copy of **contact information for 3 professional references**.
- Attach a copy of your **UNC Degree Works print-out or unofficial transcripts**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NOTE:** Students will be notified by email if they are admitted to Campus Connections and will be able to register at that time. Registration for the course requires departmental approval and once accepted you will be released to register for the course.



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Contract of Ethical Conduct

Core Values

Standards of ethical behaviors in the department of Applied Psychology and Counselor Education are based on commitment to core values that are deeply rooted in the history of our field. We have committed ourselves to....

- Appreciating childhood, adolescence and adulthood as unique and valuable stages of the human life cycle.
• Basing our work on knowledge of human development.
• Appreciating and supporting the close ties between the child and family.
• Recognizing that people are best understood and supported in the context of family, culture, community and society.
• Helping children and adults achieve their full potential in the context of relationships that are based on trust, respect and positive regard.

To the best of my ability I will...

- Ensure that programs are based on current knowledge of human development.
• Respect and support families.
• Respect colleagues in human development and support them in maintaining the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct and the Ethical Standards of Human Service Professionals.
• Serve as an advocate for children, adolescents, older adults, families and their teachers in community and society.
• Maintain high standards of professional conduct.
• Recognize how personal values, opinions and biases can affect professional judgment.
• Be open to new ideas and be willing to learn from the suggestion of others.
• Continue to learn, grow and contribute as a professional.
• Honor the ideals and principles of the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct and the Ethical Standards of the Human Service Professionals.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do promise to honor the ideals and principles of this ethical contract.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Adapted from the Code of Ethical Conduct for the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
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