

Emory Senior Mentor Program

Educating the Healthcare Providers of Tomorrow

Who can be a mentor?

Any active adult aged 65 or older in the Atlanta/Emory University area

Who are the mentees?

First year Medical & Physician Assistant students; Nursing students in the Accelerated BSN program

What is the purpose?

Provide future health care providers opportunities to learn more about communicating with older adults, to interact with seniors on a social level, and to dis-

For more information or to register as a Senior Mentor, please contact:

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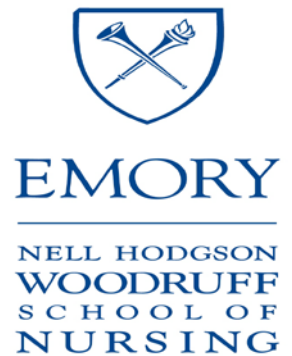


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Senior Mentor Program Description & Requirements

The Senior Mentor Program of the Emory University School of Medicine and the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing pairs students in medical fields with active adults 65 and older, providing an opportunity for future health care providers to learn more about communicating with older adults, to interact with seniors on a social level and to dispel stereotypes about aging. Mentors have the opportunity to positively influence the ability of these future providers to care for seniors in a sensitive and compassionate way.

Beginning in 2011, Emory will pilot this mentoring program to include a select group of medical, nursing, and physician assistant students. The individual pairs of students and Senior Mentors will meet approximately once a month from September 2011 through August 2012 to develop a social relationship and to discuss assigned health-related topics. Please note that students will not perform medical exams and will not give direct medical advice. **The meetings take place in the mentors' homes or other mutually agreed-upon locations**, and normally last 1-2hrs each.

If you volunteer as a Senior Mentor and we are able to match you with a student, here is what you will be asked to do:

- Attend an orientation meeting in August
- Attend a "Meet Your Partner" event with the other mentors and students in late August or early September
- Complete 10 meetings with your student during the academic year (September-August)
- Allow the student to accompany you to one medical appointment sometime during the year
- Attend a celebratory event in late August 2012 to close out the year's activities
- Complete a brief evaluation of your experience as a mentor at the end of the academic year
- Share information about yourself with your medical student on a range of topics; Information you share will remain confidential and will be kept strictly anonymous in any published reports
- Notify the program staff if you have any questions or problems concerning your assigned student or your participation
- If we are unable to match you with a student, you may serve as an Alternate Mentor and provide additional insight at group activities, attend all group event(s), and serve as primary mentor in the event that another Mentor is unable to continue to fulfill his/her duties during the program period.

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