

Experiential Learning Guidelines and Student Contract

The Clarke County Mentor Program (CCMP) is an approved Experiential Learning activity through the University of Georgia Office of Experiential Learning. As a service opportunity, UGA student Mentors seeking Experiential Learning (EL) credit are required to engage in a minimum of 60 volunteer hours through the Clarke County Mentor Program.

The Mission of CCMP is to recruit, train, and support community volunteers to mentor Clarke County School District students in order to make a positive difference in their lives and to help each student reach their full potential.

EL service hours are generally satisfied through weekly mentoring visits but also include attending community mentoring events as offered, participating in training opportunities, completing written reflection exercises as requested, and attending monthly on-campus student organization meetings oriented around mentoring best practices and support.

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Required Volunteer Hours: 60 hours

Program Length: Yearlong (a minimum of one full year/12 months required)Start Date: Dependent on when a Mentor enters program, 12-month total minimum commitmentEnd Date: Dependent on when a Mentor enters program, 12-month total minimum commitment

Requirements for Participation:

1. Mentorship

UGA students must be at least 18 years old to apply and be accepted to serve as Mentors through the Clarke County Mentor Program. Applicants must complete required CCMP onboarding process steps.

Including:

- ✓ Complete the on-line CCMP Application,
- ✓ Provide 3 references (CCMP must approve),
- ✓ Clear a Police Background Check (as required by school district),
- ✓ Complete a 3 hour CCMP New Mentor Training
- ✓ Complete a 1 hour State Mandated Reporter Training
- ✓ Report to an assigned School Counselor who provides mentee introduction, an in-school orientation, and on-going support.

2. Log all mentoring activities/hours using CCMP Mentor Portal.

In order to receive credit for weekly mentoring visits, students are required to sign-in each week at their mentee's school and log each weekly mentoring visit using the CCMP Mentor Portal. Mentors are provided their own unique link and can access their portal activities log through their phone, computer, or personal mobile device. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE A MENTOR PORTAL RECORD ON FILE WITH CCMP OF THEIR MENTORING HOURS WILL NOT RECEIVE CREDIT. Students are responsible for ensuring the portal is set-up and that CCMP is receiving your logged hours.

3. Participate in Mentor training sessions.

All Mentors will have participated in approximately 4 hours of training to become a mentor with CCMP. Additionally, EL students should attend any supplemental training opportunities offered during the year. Those may be made available to you through CCMP staff.

- 4. Attend monthly Clarke Mentors at UGA student organization general body meetings. These meetings will allow mentors to reflect on mentoring experiences, receive support, and learn helpful information about building healthy mentoring relationships.
- 5. Attend approved mentoring events and activities as offered through CCMP and UGA.

If you would like to be considered for Experiential Learning credit through your volunteer service with the Clarke County Mentor Program, please complete the interest form available through the link below. A CCMP staff member will contact you about next steps.

CCMP-UGA Experiential Learning Interest Form