



CHANCE Program
Peer Mentoring Program
Northern Illinois University
Mentor Application
2009-2010

Name: _____ Emplid# _____

Local Address: _____

Home Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Year in school: _____ Major: _____ Cumulative G.P.A.: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____ Gender: _____ Ethnic Background: _____

The Peer Mentoring Program (PMP) is designed to assist incoming freshmen in adjusting to the academic and social environment of the NIU campus. Each year the CHANCE Program selects 100 newly admitted students to participate as mentees. PMP matches first-year freshmen with successful student mentors who are sophomores, juniors or seniors. The main objective of the program is to provide incoming freshmen with a successful role model, academic and social support, and guidance as they make their transition to college life.

Benefits

- Develop leadership skills and serve as a role model.
- Expand your knowledge about the university and become an active participant in the NIU community.
- Strengthen your self-image, awareness, confidence, and self-discipline.
- Expand your personal and professional network.
- Gain valuable personal and career skills (interpersonal, organizational and time-management).
- Build your résumé and earn a letter of recommendation for future internships, scholarships and employment.

Qualifications

- Enrolled as a second-year student, at a minimum.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Interest or experience working with people from diverse backgrounds.
- Familiar with the resources of the NIU community.
- Active in student organizations or university events.
- Able to provide academic, social, and emotional support to new students.
- Eager to help new students adjust to the NIU campus, academic demands of college, and life away from home.

Responsibilities

- Attend mandatory mentor training.
- Attend at least four programs hosted by PMP during the 2009-10 school year.
- Attend monthly mentor/mentee meetings, every third week of the month.
- Meet with mentee for at least 1 hour every week.
- Attend fall and spring mentor workshops.

Yes, I can commit to the required time commitment of the CHANCE Peer Mentoring Program. Please consider my application for the position of PMP Peer Mentor.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Return application and two recommendations forms by Friday, July 31, 2009 to Joy'Ecstasy Bannister, PMP Coordinator, at Williston Hall Room 121, or by e-mail at pmp@niu.edu For additional information contact Joy'Ecstasy at (815) 753-0500.



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Recommendation Form
 (please submit two forms)

This is an assessment to help us recruit prospective mentors for the CHANCE Program.

Name of Prospective Mentor: _____ **Emplid#:** _____

Please rate the above person according to the following traits:

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
Interpersonal Skills					
Communication Skills					
Study Skills					
Role Modeling					
Dependability					
Punctuality					
Willingness to Help					
Familiarity & Utilization of Campus Resources					
Independence					
Time Commitment					
School Involvement					
Overall rating on the suitability as a Mentor					

Earned Hours: _____

Cum GPA: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Print Name: _____ Title _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____



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