

COM Team

Peer Mentoring Program

The purpose of the COM Team Peer Mentoring Program is to prepare first year medical students for academic success by integrating peer led experiences for support, advice and guidance. All first-year students are assigned to a COM TEAM group, consisting of nine new students. Eighty second-year students are selected annually to serve as COM TEAM Leaders (peer mentors).



COM Team leaders

COM Team leaders serve as positive role models and are expected to maintain consistent contact with new students via e-mail, phone, social media or in person. They also share details about their academic experiences and offer advice, insight and overall support to students as they become acclimated to a new academic environment and to the first-year experience. The construct of matching mentors with mentees is an orderly configuration that consists of 20 small groups where four second year students are assigned to each group. The groups serve as support groups for orientation activities, peer mentoring group sessions, and team-based learning experiences in the Fundamentals of Patient Care (FPC) Theme, a preclinical curriculum requirement. In addition to four COM TEAM leaders, two faculty members serve as preceptors for FPC.

The Director of Student Support and Wellness serves as the advisor for the COM Team program and provides oversight of the administration of the program and annual training experiences.