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The benefits of BEING a *Mentor*



- ▶ *You'll be assisting your organization in shaping the future of the dental profession.*
- ▶ *Your mentee could eventually become your associate or partner.*
- ▶ *Your mentee could eventually purchase your practice.*
- ▶ *Your mentee could become a trusted, local colleague in the future.*

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The Pennsylvania Dental Association's New Dentist Committee (NDC) is pleased to offer the Statewide Mentoring Program. The program is designed for both dental students and new dentists located in Pennsylvania. The NDC recognizes new dentists and dental students as the future of dentistry in Pennsylvania and wants to foster and encourage their participation in the organized dentistry community. In addition, many dental students and new dentists are in need of a little support, and who better to be there for them than the members of PDA?

Please show your support for new dentists, dental students and the future of organized dentistry by agreeing to be a mentor. By signing up, you'll be entered into a mentoring database. When we receive a request from a dental student or new dentist in search of a mentor, we'll match them with a dentist who has volunteered - possibly you! Please fill out the adjacent form if you're interested in participating or visit www.padental.org/mentoring for more information.

common *Myths*

I don't live in an urban area so I won't be needed in the mentoring program.

This couldn't be further from the truth. The mentoring program caters to any dental student or new dentist anywhere in Pennsylvania. Many dental students select their hometown as the preferred location of their mentor, just as new dentists select their future practice location.

I wouldn't know what to talk about with my mentee.

The NDC matches mentors with mentees through a number of different variables. Obviously location and specialty play a large part, but the NDC also looks at your preferred method of contact, personal interests and educational background. When matched, these commonalities are included in an information sheet about your mentee, allowing you to comfortably begin conversation.

I don't have time to be a mentor.

Being a mentor isn't necessarily time consuming, especially if you integrate your mentee into your schedule. Have your mentee join you for lunch one day. Or invite him or her to shadow you in your office for an afternoon. A mentee might enjoy a round of golf with you and your friends, or attending a district or local dental society meeting. Finally, simply being available to answer a quick question when your mentee needs direction is invaluable.



Statewide Mentoring Program Form

I want to be a mentor!

Name _____

Address (Work) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

How do you prefer to be contacted? Phone E-mail

Specialty _____

Best Day(s)/Time(s) _____

Practice Setting? Solo Group Associate

Do you Practice Full-Time or Part-Time? Full-Time Part-Time

Dental School _____ Graduation Year _____

Advanced Education Program? _____

Leadership/Volunteer Positions Held _____

Previous Armed Forces or Public Health Service _____

Personal Interests _____

Would you be willing to mentor more than one student? _____

E-mail completed form to tar@padental.org or fax to (717) 234-4301.

If mailing, please fold and secure form with tape. Place stamp where indicated.

Thank you for your support!

