

Academic Success & the Hidden Curriculum

Preparation for Session:

- Review the [ASC website](#) and choose a focus based on team needs; check out the [Learning Corner](#) for more focused ideas
- Optional: Plan a visit to the Academic Success Center OR invite a guest speaker

Purpose/Focus:

- Tips for success
- Academic success campus resources

Suggested Agenda:

1. Check-in with students (estimated time: 10-15 minutes)
 - Follow-up with students about any concerns/issues that were raised during the last mentoring session
 - Show your interest in students by asking a new question to get to know them as individuals
 - Ask students how they are doing and if there are any issues/concerns that they would like to discuss
2. Suggested topics to discuss (30 minutes)
 - Tips for success in college - Mentors share information that it would have been useful for you to have known but that no one may have told you when you were enrolled in college (i.e., hidden curriculum). Consider discussing:
 - i. Preparing for class
 - ii. Participating during class
 - iii. Communicating with instructors
 - iv. Writing professional emails
 - v. Presentation skills
 - Academic Success Center resources – Share website with students. Share your experience with the ASC and encourage students to use resources when needed. Visit the ASC or invite a guest speaker
3. Open question and answer time with students and/or fun activity (remainder of session time)