Dr. D.Y. Patil Dental College and Hospital

Student Counseling System/Mentorship Programme

Our student counseling system/mentorship programme is an unique, interactive, target oriented system involving students, teachers, and parents functioning from the academic year 2008-2009 till to date.

Aim: is to provide an one-on-one forum in which a mentor advises and assists an assigned mentee in successfully progressing through the final year of dental course.

Protocol of the mentorship programme:

1. Length of the programme: 4 years from I B.D.S to IV B.D.S including regular, odd batch and repeater batch
2. One to one session between mentor and mentee is conducted 3 times a year, once in 4 months
3. Ratio of mentees to mentor is 10:1

Steps of the mentorship programme is;

Planning of the mentorship programme by mentoring co-ordinator

recruit mentors to all the mentees

conduct a meeting with all the mentors to decide on a date of contact session between mentor and mentee and hand over the feedback evaluation forms to mentors
mentors contact the mentees exchange telephone number, email-address, evaluate the mentee by asking questions related to teaching activities, skills, strengths and weaknesses and get the feedback forms filled and signed

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the student with concern is identified by the mentor

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the mentor debriefs the issue to mentoring co-ordinator with written or oral individualized feedback

minor concern

the mentor along with the mentoring co-ordinator provides a recommendation about how to overcome the identified barrier and the student is monitored on regular interval to check on the improvement

major concern

the mentor, mentoring co-ordinator, psychologist with parents consent and participation will set-up an effective measure to help the student counseling by the psychologist, moral support by parents, monitoring and re-evaluation by mentor and mentoring co-ordinator at regular intervals until the student is able to cope with day to day emotional and intellectual needs

Goals to be achieved:
To develop a strong positive relationship between mentor and mentee
To bridge the formal and communicative gaps between the student and the institution at large
To cater to the academic and emotional insecurities
Guide the student to move up in career

Note:
Consent is taken from the parents and informed of the right to withdraw their child at any stage of programme.