

# MARKET YOUR EXPERIENCE

## PEER MENTORS

### Let's talk about your Peer Mentor experience

Peer mentors hold a unique role in the lives of college students. Their main goal is to help students adjust academically and socially to a university setting. Their mentorship aids in a student's academic success, personal and professional development, and provides advocacy and support. Peer mentors help students create a sense of belonging within the Bobcat community.

### Sample action verbs

*Action verbs highlight the task you've completed and make your statements stand out.*

#### When you supported students:

Advised, Informed, Educated, Recommended

#### When you managed a team:

Facilitated, Mentored, Cultivated, Guided

#### When you changed or improved something:

Developed, Restructured, Updated, Integrated, Redesigned, Strengthened

#### When you increased efficiency or productivity:

Enhanced, Maximized, Improved, Advanced

#### When you led a project:

Coordinated, Executed, Delegated, Programmed, Organized, Operated

#### When you envisioned and brought a project to life:

Developed, Established, Implemented, Formulated, Initiated, Charted

### Skills gained

- Time management
- Crisis management
- Conflict management
- Responsibility
- Active listening
- Emotional intelligence
- Leadership
- Communication
- Programming
- Confidentiality
- Problem solving,
- Facilitation

### Sample action statements

- Collaborated with faculty, advisors, and campus resources to connect mentees with academic support services, tutoring, counseling, and other resources to address their needs and challenges
- Documented weekly written reports related to student's mentor meetings, upholding confidentiality and professionalism
- Provided emotional support to mentees, helping them navigate personal challenges and transition to college life
- Operated and facilitated on-on-one and group meetings with # of First Year University Students

### Resume resources

- Attend resume-building events that we hold each semester
- Find resume building resources on our website or Handshake Career Center page
- Bring your resume to our Drop-in Hours, if you're just getting started or need a quick review
- Login to Handshake to schedule an appointment for an in-depth resume review
- Utilize LinkedIn Learning for free - just use your TXST email
- Submit your resume to our online resume review portal

## Become career ready

Career Readiness is a key to ensuring successful entrance into the workforce. Be ready for your future job through these skill competency areas:

- Advocacy & Compassion
- Career & Self Development
- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Leadership
- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Technology

## Connect with Career Services

You're not alone on your career journey. Career Services at Texas State is here to help you as you explore your career options, grow your network, job seek, apply to jobs, and continue to grow as a Bobcat professional.

You can stop by the Career Services office for Drop-in Hours, Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to get quick answers to your career questions.

Visit our website to explore our many free services, available to both students and alumni.



## Potential interview responses

Student leadership provides preparation for the professional world upon graduation. Your peer mentor experience has allowed not only for personal growth, but a strong foundation for success in any professional role you seek out. Applying your experience in your interview responses will set you apart with your unique responses.

*Describe a time where you were faced with a difficult person/situation. How did you approach it, and what steps did you take to find a solution?*

- Skills to Highlight: Critical Thinking
  - An example of this could be certain interactions with students or other student workers. How did you recognize the problem(s), the approach in navigating the issue, and how did you overcome it. Focus on your approach, emphasizing on strategies you used to remain calm, composed, and focused.

*Can you share an example from your past experience where you demonstrated professionalism in a mentoring or leadership role?*

- Skills to Highlight: Professionalism
  - An example of this could be how being a peer mentor has contributed to your leadership development. Learning skills relating to conflict management, communication, problem solving, and emotional intelligence have helped you be more intentional in your connections with students and helping them succeed at the university level.

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