

STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Peer Mentor Program

(ND Students)

The Peer Mentor Program is an important component in the success of new ND students. Peer support provides ND students with a confidential and safe way to address issues and challenges relating to naturopathic student life at Sonoran University.

Peer mentors are experienced medical students who act as advisors to new, incoming ND students regarding all facets of medical school: learning strategies, healthy stress reduction, issues of personal relationships, etc. Peer mentors assist new students with adjusting to medical school. The peer mentor is a volunteer position available to students, currently enrolled at Sonoran University who fulfill the eligibility requirements and attend the required peer mentor training session.

Peer mentors will receive up to ten (10) community service hours per quarter for attending mentor training meetings, time spent with mentees, quarterly lunches, and the peer mentor meet and greets. For more information, contact the Dean of Students Office at dos@sonoran.edu.

Meetings

School meetings, such as Town Hall Meetings, may be held to share information and to enhance communication between students and University Administration. The meetings may be held either in-person or virtually depending on the required audience, during designated lunch hours, or after normal school hours. The Student Government Association representatives will be asked to notify their respective classes and notices will be sent via University email accounts.

Student Employment

A University funded employment program and the Federal Work-Study Program are available to all eligible students. The Financial Aid office oversees the University's Federal Work-Study Program (on-campus employment). When applicable, the programs are structured to encourage student/school involvement and to provide essential services to the University.

Positions are advertised through email as opportunities arise. To comply with federal tax laws, any student earning \$600 or more in a given calendar year will receive a Form 1099 from the University. This may or may not affect a student's taxes and/or financial aid. Students are encouraged to consult a tax professional and/or the Financial Aid Office for further information.

Students are appointed for employment positions based on need and positive periodic performance reviews. Because the primary goal of the University is to ensure that students are successful in their academic program, those who do not meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (<https://catalog.sonoran.edu/catalog/university-policies/standards-satisfactory-academic-progress/#satisfactoryacademicprogress>), may not be eligible to participate in the Federal Work-Study Program. For more information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@sonoran.edu.