

# **HON 380: Peer Mentoring**

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Friday 2.30-3.45pm

*“Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction”*

(John C. Crosby)

Would you like the opportunity to reflect upon your learning style and strategies?

Would you like to share your experience and knowledge?

Would you like to discover new ways of thinking?

Would you like to develop new relationships within the classroom?

Would you like to help others learn how to learn more effectively?

Would you like to practice your leadership and listening skills?

This class involves learning the theory of mentoring in a seminar-style class once a week and regularly practicing mentoring in a real, live classroom once or twice a week. We will be mentors to first-year students in HON 101 “Manoa and its Neighborhoods.”

In the weekly seminars we will discuss pedagogical principles focusing on things like student growth, the role of mentors, differences among learning and teaching styles, intercultural competencies, interpersonal communication skills, problem solving, and managing group dynamics.

In the weekly practice, you are invited into a first-year classroom where you will act as peer mentors, making occasional presentations, leading group discussions, providing role models, and acting as a counselor to students taking an introductory class on research at Manoa. Sometimes you may be asked to lead fieldtrips on campus during class time. You will learn about your own learning as you learn to help others learn more effectively.

You will keep a reflective journal on your experience. There will be a mid-term and final exam on concepts drawn from the two course texts. You will be assessed on your participation in the seminar and on your performance as a mentor in the classroom.

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