

# Student Guide: Who's Who?

Role	Who Are They?	How Can They Help?	When to Reach Out
College Mentors	Regional faculty assigned to mentor and support you throughout medical school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Offer long-term support across all 4 years</li><li>Help with career planning, wellness, and personal development</li><li>Get to know you and guide you through key transitions</li><li>Provide bedside teaching, small group learning, and reflective conversations</li></ul>	Any time, from day one through graduation. Your mentor is your go-to for big-picture guidance and support.
Clinical Skills Educators	Faculty with expertise in teaching clinical and communication skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Teach you hands-on skills like physical exams, history taking, and patient communication</li><li>Give feedback on technique and professionalism</li><li>Lead simulations and standardized patient sessions</li></ul>	In the Foundations Phase during skills labs or any time you want to sharpen your clinical techniques.
Academic Learning Specialists	Staff professionals with backgrounds in education, learning science, or counseling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boost your study habits, test prep, and time management</li><li>Help you build a personalized study plan</li><li>Work with you on learning strategies and overcoming academic challenges</li><li>Help with accommodations or support plans</li></ul>	Any time you're having trouble with studying, exams (including Step 1 and Step 2), or academic performance.
Clinical Competency Coaches	Faculty assigned to longitudinally review and support your progress during clinical training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Guide your growth in real clinical settings</li><li>Help you understand expectations (milestones, WBAs)</li><li>Work with you to set improvement goals</li><li>Support reflection on your clinical performance</li></ul>	During clerkships, especially if you want help tracking your progress or understanding feedback.
Clinical Learning Specialists	Faculty educators who focus on supporting clinical knowledge and performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support you in applying knowledge to real clinical situations</li><li>Help with clinical reasoning and case analysis</li><li>Assist with learning in the fast-paced clinical environment</li><li>Offer strategies if you're feeling overwhelmed or falling behind</li></ul>	During clerkships, especially if you're coming back after a break or if you're struggling with a particular competency or domain.