

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"> • Offer long-term support across all 4 years • Help with career planning, wellness, and personal development • Get to know you and guide you through key transitions • Provide bedside teaching, small group learning, and reflective conversations 	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"> • Teach you hands-on skills like physical exams, history taking, and patient communication • Give feedback on technique and professionalism • Lead simulations and standardized patient sessions 	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"> • Boost your study habits, test prep, and time management • Help you build a personalized study plan • Work with you on learning strategies and overcoming academic challenges • Help with accommodations or support plans 	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"> • Guide your growth in real clinical settings • Help you understand expectations (milestones, WBAs) • Work with you to set improvement goals • Support reflection on your clinical performance 	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"> • Support you in applying knowledge to real clinical situations • Help with clinical reasoning and case analysis • Assist with learning in the fast-paced clinical environment • Offer strategies if you're feeling overwhelmed or falling behind 	During clerkships, especially if you're coming back after a break or if you're struggling with a particular competency or domain.