

# Mentoring at BCC

Mentors are experienced, supportive, and trusted resources from our community dedicated to helping you achieve your goals at BCC and beyond.



“Having an OLLI mentor has meant I’ve had the opportunity to be advised on class selection and a degree path by a college alumni and career professional. **Mentors help you think outside the box** and give you lots of options and different solutions on questions about education, career path, and life in general. Best of all you make great new friends.”

“I never thought how much I was going to learn from this program. I now think that I have a friend forever; **a friend by my side.**”

“My culture teaches us to look up to elders and their wisdom. **OLLI helps struggling students** deal with the challenges of higher education, culture and language.”

“My mentor has been right there every step of the way personally as well as academically. I could not have asked for a better match as a friend or a mentor.”



Get free personal support & guidance with an OLLI mentor - apply today!

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<p><b>What is OLLI?</b></p>	<p>The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at BCC is a <b>learning community</b> comprised of 1500 adults age 50 and older whose focus is on educational programs, social interaction, and community service.</p>
<p><b>What is OLLI Mentoring?</b></p>	<p>BCC's OLLI mentors are college alumni and career professionals who provide <b>personal support and guidance</b>. OLLI pairs students with mentors who share a career or education focus, outside activities, and even hobbies. We offer short-term advising and supports as well as 1:1 long-term mentoring which makes mentors uniquely responsive to the needs of individual students.</p> <p>A major advantage of OLLI mentoring is the <b>intergenerational</b> aspect of the guidance mentors offer based on their far-ranging life experiences. Intergenerational mentoring adds a whole other dimension of diversity to students' experiences and helps them think out of the box, imagining new and different possibilities. Mentors provide expertise, a sounding board, a shoulder to cry on, community resources, a safety net, and perspective on handling life's biggest challenges.</p>
<p><b>What Can a Mentor Actually Help Me With?</b></p>	<p>OLLI mentors are uniquely positioned to help you succeed with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• life skills, such as school-work-life balance and day-to-day challenges</li> <li>• degree and career path ideas</li> <li>• career planning and networking</li> <li>• social and personal interactions</li> <li>• navigating college financing</li> </ul>
<p><b>What Else Can a Mentor Help Me With?</b></p>	<p>OLLI mentors provide a <b>bridge</b> between BCC and the greater Berkshire community – to community resources, especially those that will enrich your social, cultural, and civic experiences beyond the campus.</p>
<p><b>Where &amp; When Can I Meet With a Mentor?</b></p>	<p>OLLI mentorships are <b>flexible</b>. Because many mentors are retired, they are not limited by an office or office hours; they can meet at times and places best suited to <u>your</u> needs. Mentors value making a personal connection with a mentee and providing a sense of belonging. We have found that when a match "clicks" the mentor/mentee team often stays in contact well beyond their time together at BCC. A mentor will support and enhance your life, not take time away from your already busy schedule.</p>
<p><b>How Can I Get a Mentor?</b></p>	<p>Apply online: <a href="http://berkshirecc.edu/mentoring">berkshirecc.edu/mentoring</a></p> <p>Questions? Call Charlotte Lotz at (413) 236-1637, or email: <a href="mailto:mentoring@berkshirecc.edu">mentoring@berkshirecc.edu</a></p>

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