CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH MENTORING WITH CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Campus Connections (CC) Youth Mentoring program is a nationally recognized, award winning, high-impact, multidisciplinary, service-learning experience offered for credit through Human Development and Family Studies at CSU. CC is a structured mentoring program that promotes undergraduate student success at CSU and after graduation, particularly for underrepresented groups of students; promotes the resilience and life success of at-risk youth; prepares clinical graduate students for diverse settings; and responds to community initiatives to better serve at-risk youth and their families.

The 9-credit undergraduate certificate in Youth Mentoring with Campus Connections enables students to develop invaluable professional skills, gain significant experience with adolescents, and evolve as leaders. Based on multiple semesters of involvement with CC, many students launch their careers working with youth in education, social services, criminal justice, and other relevant professions. The CC experience often serves as the focus of their graduate school essays and is highlighted during interviews with employers setting them apart from their peers.

Learning Objectives

Students will:

1. Critically examine issues concerning youth and adolescent development and appropriately apply theories of mentoring.
2. Analyze models of power, privilege, bias, oppression, diversity, and social justice to better understand their own identity and experiences of those with identities other than their own.
3. Develop leadership skills including group activity facilitation, redirection, case record-keeping, and experience with youth.
4. Understand the inner workings of youth mentoring programs, including youth recruitment, case management, mentor training, leadership development, and community partnerships.

Learn more about the Certificate in Youth Mentoring on the Campus Connections program website. (https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/cc/csu-student-involvement/certificate-in-youth-mentoring-with-campus-connections/)