



# Living Learning Community Mentor Position

Position Description & Information  
2020-2021 Academic Year



*"Learning at Curry  
extends beyond  
the classroom and  
is embedded in all  
that we do."*

The First-Year Living Learning Communities (LLC) Program at Curry College allows students to collaborate with faculty, staff, and other first-year students as they complete required courses and investigate a common theme both in-and-out of the classroom. The LLC experience is one that is holistic and integrates participants' classroom and residential experiences. Participants are asked to challenge themselves as they engage in discussions, lectures, activities, and community events throughout the year.

With approximately 80 students participating in the First-Year LLCs, the collaboration between faculty, students, and professional staff is an integral part of this experience. As such, the LLC Mentor role is designed to be an active collaborator and an essential member of the LLC leadership team.

## Things you should know about Curry College Living Learning Communities:

- **Passion drives learning.** Professors lead three First Year LLCs (First Year Honors, Communication Scholars, and Health Careers) and are passionate in their area of scholarly work.
- **Learning as a cohort.** Students in LLCs take courses together around a theme during both fall and spring semesters.
- **Bridging in-and-out of classroom experiences.** LLCs only work when classroom learning is supported in the residence halls and the two experiences are infused into one.
- **Networking is expected.** From connections with faculty, guest speakers, Residence Life & Housing staff, to students and others, members of the LLC will strengthen their personal networks (as will mentors).
- **An environment for all.** Diversity and inclusion are more than just buzz words here. We value it and seek participants (students and Mentors) from all walks of life.
- **A flexible approach.** The LLC Mentor time commitment is largely unstructured and certain times of the academic year will require more than others. A large part of your job is non-scheduled, spontaneous, and will be determined by the needs of the LLC and its students.
- **Quality is key.** We have high expectations, and it shows in our work. We hold Mentors to these, but only because we know they can handle it.
- **It's all about our residents.** All members involved in LLC leadership engage and appreciate why our work matters – we do it because we want to provide the very best experience for our LLC students.

## Cool! But, what do Living Learning Community Mentors actually do?

An LLC Mentor is an essential leader within their specific LLC. This position was specifically designed to focus time, effort, and energy on connecting and bridging the classroom experience into the residence hall

- **Walk the walk and talk the talk.** An LLC Mentor is a person who genuinely cares about others, inspires respect, role models positive behavior, and communicates well with others.
- **There's always something as part of the LLC.** In addition to bonding with LLC students, Mentors will be expected to work with the course professor(s) to plan and implement one (1) LLC theme-based program per month for students to learn and socialize with one another.
- **Connecting the dots.** Mentors are present and available to LLC participants for at least two (2) hours/week either in class, in North Campus Residence Hall (NCRH), or a combination of both. Availability means actively and regularly checking-in with LLC students, being present for study sessions, assisting with class research projects, and/or assisting with other academic and social programs for the LLC. Mentors serve as a resource within the LLC experience and help point students in the right direction for support.

- **It's all about the team.** Mentors are part of a leadership team of professors, Residence Life & Housing staff, and other LLC Mentors dedicated to enhancing the student experience. As part of the leadership team you'll meet regularly with the College's First Year Coordinator, Assistant Director of Residence Life, and Community Director for NCRH to discuss LLC experiences, get ideas, and learn methods for connecting the classroom and residence hall experiences.
- **Talk it out.** Whether communicating with the professor(s), Community Director, Resident Assistants, or residents, Mentors are at the center of communication on a regular basis.
- **We'll support you!** LLC Mentors report directly to the LLC professor(s), the First Year Coordinator, as well as Residence Life & Housing staff.

### If you can check off these boxes, you are an ideal candidate:

- ☐ **Full-time student.** You must plan to be a full-time matriculating student with no less than 12 credit hours per semester and plan to live on campus for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- ☐ **Previous experience.** Candidates will ideally have participated in the LLC they are applying for during their first year at Curry College.
- ☐ **Sophomore year.** Ideally, candidates will have sophomore class standing for the 2020-2021 academic year and be willing to live in NCRH (with other sophomore year residents) to be close to their LLC participants. However, candidates who will have junior or senior class year standing and plan on living elsewhere on campus are also encouraged to apply.
- ☐ **In good standing.** Candidates must be in good academic and financial with the College
- ☐ **In the clear.** Candidates must be in good student conduct standing with the Office of Community Standards & Accountability.
- ☐ **Living on campus.** Ideally, candidates will plan to live on campus and have a desire to live in NCRH near the LLC participants.
- ☐ **150%!** You are willing to go the extra mile for LLC participants.

### Let's talk numbers:

- \$500.00 stipend paid bi-weekly
- That's a total of \$1,000.00 for the academic year!

### Let's sweeten the deal a little more...

- Beat the rush and bypass Housing Selection. Find a friend to live with next year and we will assign you a room in NCRH before Housing Selection.
- Get a leg-up on others and gain necessary skills that employers are looking for from college graduates (*National Association of Colleges and Employers – NACE*)
  - Ability to communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
  - Ability to work in a team structure
  - Ability to make decisions and problem solve
  - Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize work
  - Ability to influence others

### Have we sold you yet?

Apply online at [tinyurl.com/LLCMentorApp2020-2021](https://tinyurl.com/LLCMentorApp2020-2021). Have questions, reach out and let us know!

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