Greetings Athletic Trainer of Florida

Thank you for considering and your interest in becoming a mentor of the new mentorship program created by the Secondary Schools Committee of the Athletic Trainers Association of Florida (ATAF)!

The goals of this mentorship program:

1. Assist the transition for early career professionals as they acclimatize to the State of Florida and network with other athletic training professional.
2. Bridge the gap between the early career professionals and career advancement professionals within Florida.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to participate as a mentor. All practice settings within athletic training are invited to participate.

**About the Program**

Mentors are encouraged to communicate with their mentee once a month to discuss with their mentees monthly topics such as communication, time management, career advancement, and self-care; provide guidance, be a voice of reason, or even to just say hello.

On the ATAF webpage, your name, practice setting, field of expertise and email address will be posted. Mentors will be assigned a mentee who has similar interests within the field of athletic training.

**When does mentoring take place?**

The mentee will be responsible for reaching out and contacting their assigned mentor. Future communication between mentor and mentee will be established during the initial conversation. Mentors should encourage the mentee to think about goals they would like to accomplish, professionally and personally. Throughout the year, the mentor can work on ways to accomplish the goals and maintain communication whether it be about the profession or something personal that the mentee needs guidance on.

**When does the mentorship program begin?**

The mentorship program will commence at the annual 2022 ATAF meeting and end the following symposium. For completion of the program, recognition and certificate of completion will be awarded at the ATAF Annual Meeting 2023.

Monthly topics and evaluation surveys will be sent out to the mentor and mentees through Google Classroom. A Gmail account will be needed to access the platform.

To participate, please complete the application. Once you submit your application, the Secondary School Committee will contact you with the next steps. If you have any additional questions, please contact us at [ssatc@ataf.org](mailto:ssatc@ataf.org)

We look forward to a successful new mentorship program!

Julie Burton and Keith Miessau

Mentorship Qualifications

* + 1. Member of ATAF and NATA, NPI number
    2. 7+ years of professional experience- BOC
    3. What is your field of expertise and clinical interest? Manual therapy, Safe Space for Athletes ally (two identifiers), emergency care and acute care, pediatrics, rehab/strength and conditioning
    4. Why do you want to be a mentor?
    5. What is your availability during the day or week?
    6. Will you be attending the ATAF annual meeting?