

# GET INVOLVED WITH ABORIGINAL SERVICES



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# PEER TO PEER

## BECOME AN ABORIGINAL PEER TO PEER MENTEE

A peer mentee is a first semester or first year Aboriginal student who is matched with a senior student mentor in their program area. Your mentor will help you transition into your first year at BCIT.

### Benefits of Being a Mentee

- > Get answers to questions about your program and BCIT life
- > Opportunities to network and meet new people
- > Learn study skills and how to get organized
- > Makes your BCIT experience a successful one

### Build Success at BCIT

After a successful first year as a mentee, you can also become a peer mentor.

*“What makes the Aboriginal Mentorship program different is the family environment fostered by Aboriginal Services. The cornerstone is the close relationship that develops. We are all Indigenous people, and when one succeeds, we all succeed.”*

Ken Paulin  
Métis  
Broadcast and  
Online Journalism



## **BECOME AN ABORIGINAL PEER TO PEER MENTOR**

A peer mentor is a guide and knowledgeable resource that assists fellow students (mentees) in developing strategies to succeed at BCIT.

Mentors are senior students (second semester and above) who are available to give their time and skills in order to have a positive impact on new students' BCIT experience.

### **Benefits of Being a Mentor**

- > Develop transferrable skills in leadership and communication valued by future employers
- > Excellent experience to include on your resumé
- > Receive an Aboriginal Service Certificate of Achievement in mentoring
- > Network and develop new friendships
- > Make a difference in the life of a new student

*“Having students to mentor is working as planned for my mentee and it’s a bit of a relief. I’m finding myself a little bit less stressed with school just by taking my mind off my own workload and being able to still be productive by helping others and being able to guide them whenever they may benefit from it.”*

Kris Stewart,  
Nisga’a Nation  
Geomatics Engineering  
Technology

*By supporting students and their Aboriginal perspective, a circle is formed – the medicine wheel, a symbol representing four areas of health and healing.*

