



# Near-Peer Mentorship Program

## Background

The program aims to foster peer relationships between junior and senior students that allow for reciprocal learning, provide support for junior students in navigating social work education and field placement, enhance working knowledge of the social work profession and ethics, and measure the development of leadership skills.

## Program Overview

- The program was facilitated via Microsoft Teams.
- There were 48 student participants (24 MSW, 13 ASW, 11PWS).
- Webinars were held on various topics such as a webinar to the Near-Peer program, a field instructor panel to exchange and share experiences of supervising social work practice, and a panel discussion on the role of mentorship and leadership in social work.



## Key Findings

- 81%
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**MORE THAN 80% PARTICIPANTS MET BIWEEKLY. 88% PARTICIPANTS MET NEARLY**

**STUDENTS REPORTED A NUMBER OF BENEFITS!**

Increased support to reduce their anxiety about placements  
Greater connection to other students and a sense of community  
New opportunities for personal and professional development

**AROUND 81% OF PARTICIPANTS FOUND THE PROGRAM TO BE HELPFUL**

## Recommendations

- Maintain flexibility
- Develop mentorship, leadership, and field instructorship materials
- Provide guidance and support to mentors
- Provide a greater variety of social events

