

Public Health Guidance U Receive by URL (“GURU”) Program (Public Health Professional Mentor Program)

What is a Public Health “GURU?”

A Public Health “GURU” is a public health or other health professional who is interested in being a mentor or resource for students and young professionals. Your role is to offer advice on your field or other information that is requested.

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Job category (you may indicate more than one. Please offer further explanation in the “professional background” section below.):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laboratory worker
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lawyer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bioterrorism coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental health specialist
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Counselor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nurse
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dentist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physician
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dietician/nutritionist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program coordinator
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Epidemiologist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Researcher
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health economist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sanitarian
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Health educator	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social worker
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Informatics specialist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterinarian
Background Information				
When started in public health (or # years in public health)	1999			
Educational background	BS in Dietetics-University of Akron MPH-			
Professional background	Director of Health Promotion and Planning			
Association memberships	American Dietetic Association, Ohio Public Health Association, American Public Health Association, and SOPHE			
Professional Information				
Top three tips—if you are looking for a job in my field	Be flexible, be able to make decisions, and be able to work with people			
Top three tips—if you	Be creative, make new connections, and continually educate yourself			

are already in my field (from my experience)	
Top three tips—if you are looking for great resources (web sites, book, journals, etc.)	Join list-serves, professional associations, and call others in the field.
My expertise is in the following areas:	
	Mentor Contact Information
I would be willing to do the following (you may indicate more than one):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meet with you
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Talk with you on the phone
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correspond with you via e-mail
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have you “shadow” me for a day
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Be a preceptor for you on a project
	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to be contacted but just wanted to offer the useful tips above
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (indicate)
How to contact me (you may indicate more than one):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fax
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail
	<input type="checkbox"/> Please do not contact me
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (indicate)