

## 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"/>	Vital statistician
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lawyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bioterrorism coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental health specialist	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Counselor (HIV Test)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nurse	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dentist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physician	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dietician/nutritionist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Program coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Epidemiologist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Researcher	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health economist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Health educator	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social worker	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Informatics specialist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterinarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>Background Information</b>					
When started in public health (or # years in public health)	8 years, primarily in Sexuality/ Prevention Education, HIV Prevention Programs					
Educational background	MPH					
Professional background	2 Years working with teens in HIV prevention programs, 4 years supervising HIV Testing, Educational Outreach and Syringe Exchange, 2 years implementing comprehensive sexuality education in Public School setting.					
Association memberships						
	<b>Professional Information</b>					
Top three tips—if you are looking for a job in my field	Become a certified HIV Test Counselor, attend area HIV Prevention and care meetings as a community member, VOLUNTEER!!!					
Top three tips—if you	Collaborate with other agencies, attend state and local HIV/STD conferences,					

are already in my field (from my experience)	participate in Ohio Community Planning Group (Columbus) and local Regional Advisory Groups.	
Top three tips—if you are looking for great resources (web sites, book, journals, etc.)	CDC.Gov, Answer/Rutgers.org, clevelandhealth.info	
My expertise is in the following areas:	HIV/ STDs/ Sexuality Education, Program Planning, School Health, School Wellness Policy	
	<b>Mentor Contact Information</b>	
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 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)
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fax
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mail
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please do not contact me
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (indicate)