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# Become a mentor today!

Join the VSDS Mentor Program and make a difference for a new member! Practice life can be overwhelming...YOU can be that source of knowledge, experience, and guidance for a member who is new to Vermont— TODAY!

Call Hilary at VSDS (802) 864-0115 or  
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# VSDS Mentor Program

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Guidelines & Information for  
Mentors





## Mission

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The mission of the New Dentist Committee is to assist dentists in their transition to community and practice life in Vermont, to promote long-term mentoring relationships, and to plan networking and educational events to foster a sense of support and camaraderie among VSIDS members.

## Program Goals

- To promote dentistry by supporting those new to the profession in a peer-peer model
- To serve as a resource and wealth of information for members in all stages of their careers
- To promote camaraderie among members of all experience levels
- To connect new dentists looking for guidance and advice from experienced Vermont dentists

## Mentor Responsibilities

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- Be a member and in good standing with the ADA and VSIDS
- Be an ethical, positive role model for your apprentice
- Be willing to meet and converse with your apprentice as needed
- Initiate and develop a communication protocol
- Develop a long term relationship that will last into the future with your apprentice
- Have an “open door” policy with your apprentice
- Share professional experiences
- Contact Hilary VanBenthuyzen at the VSIDS at (802) 864-0115 or via email at Hilary.vanbenthuyzen@vsids.org to have your name added to our mentor list!



## Rewards of being a mentor...

- Making a real difference in the career of a new dentist
- Giving back to the profession
- Sharing your expertise and gaining a new, fresh perspective

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*“If you light a lamp for someone, it will also brighten your own path.”*

Buddhist proverb

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