

Mentor Requirements

When you register for an Artos Academy certificate program, you commit to seek and secure a trusted mentor during your program. The following is information about your selection of a mentor, as well as a link to a Mentor Guide document you should provide to your mentor once he or she is selected.

Why do I need a mentor?

The fact that you have enrolled in one of our certificate programs tells us that you want to learn from others. You have chosen to learn from scholars whose teaching has been captured for the courses in your certificate program. You also can interact with others in your program through the optional Learning Group.

We also believe you need a mentor at your side as you move through your chosen study program. Why? A good mentor will walk with you, dialogue with you about the content of the course, but will also help you connect the course content in practical ways to your daily life and work. It is possible for theological studies to seem remote and unconnected to your immediate surroundings. A good mentor will ask the kind of questions that will help you build bridges from your studies to your work for Christ and His kingdom.

What should I look for as a good mentor?

1. Your mentor shares your faith convictions, at least to the degree that the two of you can dialogue from a shared faith in God and in Scripture.
2. Your mentor has traveled some part of the road ahead of you and can bring helpful experience and knowledge to your relationship. So, look for someone who has some God-given resources like wisdom, information, experience, confidence, insight, etc.

3. Your mentor is accessible. Ideally, you should meet face-to-face twice during each course period, and you can be mentored through audio or video conferencing. So, you need to find a mentor who is able to give you some time over the course of your studies. You may be tempted to seek mentoring from some well-known individual who simply cannot give you the time that good mentoring will require. Don't yield to that temptation! Be realistic about choosing a mentor who is accessible.
4. A good mentor understands that the relationship is a conversation, one that neither one of you should dominate. The mentor is not "the sage on the stage," but your "guide alongside."

Ready to get started?

Share the Mentor Guide document (see links below) with your mentor and discuss it before committing to this long-term relationship.

- [Foundations for Biblical Ministry Certificate Program Mentor Guide](#)
- [Bible Journey Certificate Program Mentor Guide](#)