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A vision for growth: Developing the workforce via mentorship, leadership and development opportunities

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Vision:

A **mental image** of ourselves or the organization of the possible and desirable future state (status).

➤ **Describes the aspiration for the future and serves as a guide for a sense of purpose**

- Helps to encourage the team to get excited about the directions of the organization
- individual visions is a summary of goals, dreams, and aspirations

➤ **Helps to navigate where you want to go**



Set clear, actionable goals and work towards obtaining them

➤ Start with the **BIG** picture

➤ **SMART** goals

➤ Identify “**strengths**” and “**challenges**”

➤ Build for flexibility

➤ Measure progress and celebrate wins

Begin with the end in mind and identify the “why”

Specific * Measurable * Achievable * Relevant * Time-Bound

What is available now to assist and/or prevent from reaching goals

Have room to grow and expect unexpected challenges

“If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ambition

The persistent and generalized strive for success, attainment, and accomplishment involves setting and tracking goals.



Fuel for motivation



Don't fear risk



**Invest time towards
goals**



Eliminate self-doubt



Don't wait for perfect time

Leadership vs. Management

The two are often used interchangeably and become substituted for each other

➤ Leadership

Essential to the success of any organization:

- Create a positive change
- Move organization in a specific direction
- Inspire others to utilize a vision
- Empower to achieve the vision

➤ Management

The coordinating and administrating tasks to achieve a specific goal:

- Organizing and directing workflow or operations
- Develop action items and resources
- Typically oversees the daily operation

You don't necessarily have to hold a title to be a leader!!!!

**I Don't Trust Words
I Trust Actions**

Anonymous

**The best way to find out if you
trust someone is to trust them
first.**

Ernest Hemingway

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Who do you trust and why?



Trust has two dimensions: Character and competence (Covey)

- **Character is a constant – It is necessary for trust under ANY circumstance**
- **Competence is situational – It depends on what the circumstance require**

A photograph of two hands, one larger and one smaller, holding a piece of light-colored cardboard. The word "TRUST" is written in a simple, hand-drawn font on the cardboard. The hands are positioned as if presenting the cardboard. The background is a soft, out-of-focus wooden surface.

Where does trust show up in the workplace, in class or anywhere?

A diagram consisting of five concentric circles of varying shades of brown and gold, centered on a white background. The circles are arranged in a vertical stack, with the smallest at the top and the largest at the bottom. The text is centered within the circles, starting from the innermost and moving outwards.

SELF
RELATIONSHIP
ORGANIZATIONAL
MARKET
SOCIETAL

What can we do when it is broken?

- Missed a deadline
 - Shared personal information
 - Took credit for a project
 - Was given credit for a project
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WHAT IS EI?

Emotional Intelligence (EI) is the capacity to be aware of, control, and express one's emotions, and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and empathetically.

Self

Self-
Awareness

Self-
Management

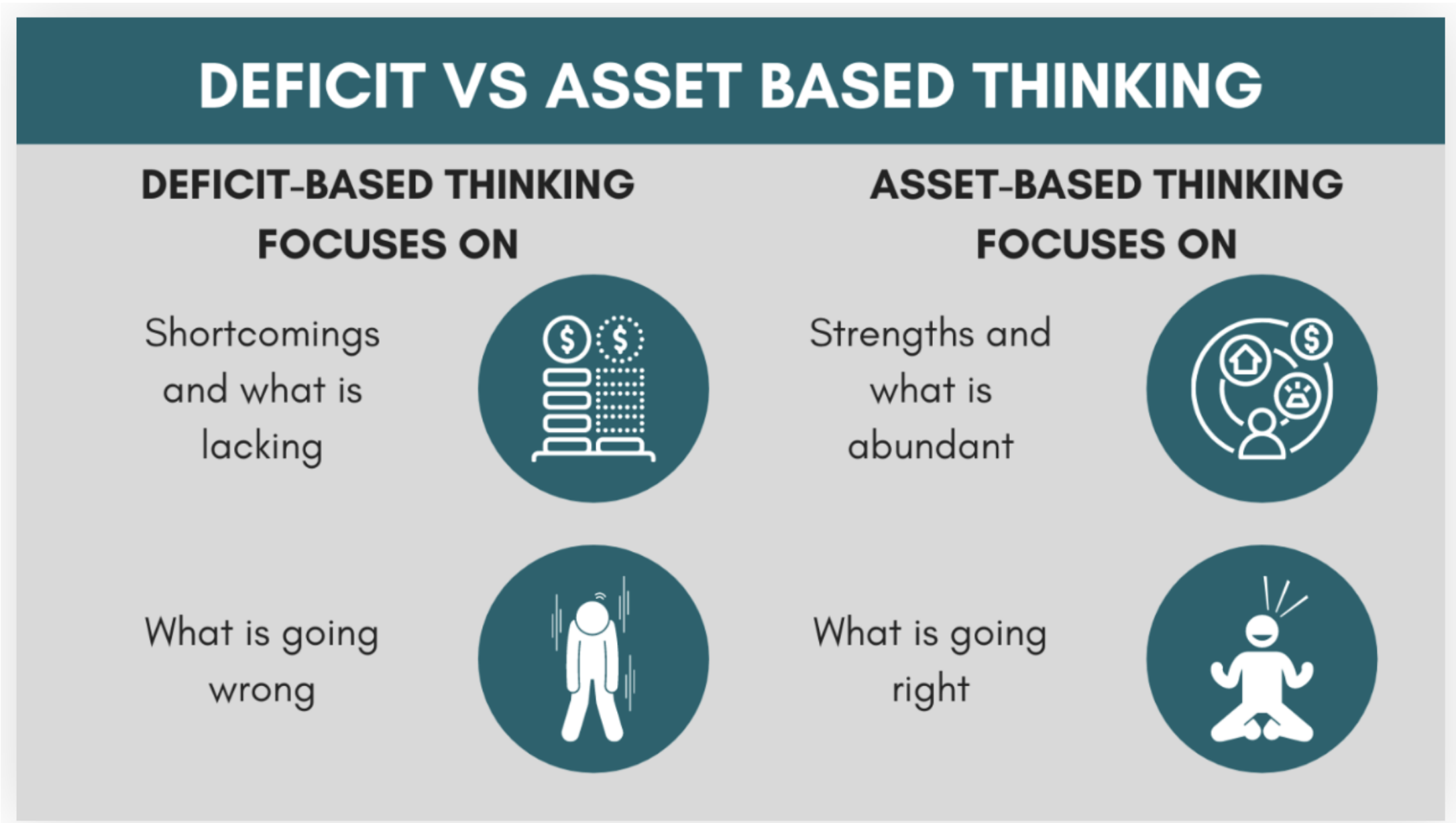
Social

Social
Awareness

Relationship
Management


➤ Asset-Based Mindset

An asset-based approach is a way of thinking that promotes the identification of protective factors that support communities' health and well-being. Protective factors include a sense of purpose and a commitment to learning, family and supportive networks, political democracy, and social justice.



IF YOU *Believe*
IN YOURSELF

Anything
IS POSSIBLE



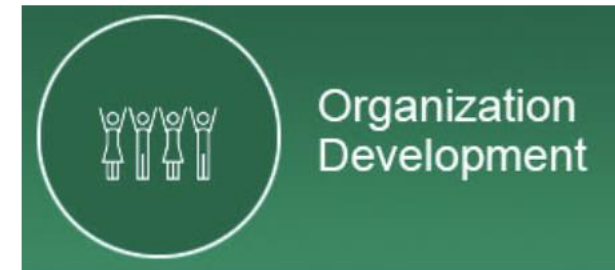
POWER
EFFORT **TRUTH** **FOCUS**
COMMITMENT **WISDOM**
GOAL **SUCCESS** **WILL**
GIFT **ATTAINMENT** **TIME** **INSPIRATION** **ASPIRATION**
PERSISTENCE **ABILITY** **WEALTH** **FUTURE**
AFFIRMATION **STRENGTH** **WORK** **TALENT** **WISDOM**
TRUTH **STUDYING** **TIME** **CONFIDENCE** **CONCENTRATION** **EFFORT**
LEARNING **WISDOM** **SKILL** **EDUCATION** **FAITH** **FOCUS** **INTENTION**
KNOWLEDGE

➤ Human Resources Tools

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LinkedIn Learning



Leadership Programs



Career Development Self-Guide

<https://www.usf.edu/hr-training/learning-opportunities/index.aspx>

What is mentoring?

“Mentoring **fosters an enduring personal relationship** between people to **cultivate career knowledge, self-identity and transformation, and social and emotional support** among other topics in order to help support a future colleague. It is a process embedded into higher education in order to “enhance the academic development (including development of research skills and a disciplinary identity), professional (career) development, and personal (psychosocial) development of graduate students” (Lunsford et al., 2017, p. 323).

This growth can benefit both parties involved in mentoring when it is done purposefully.” (Sutter & Francis, 2022, p. 1)



Table 1. A Model of the Consequences of Mentoring in a Learning Organization.

Mentor benefits	Mentee or protégé benefits	Organization benefits and outcomes
Learning partner Knowledge Skill enhancement Cognitive rejuvenation Feedback Expanded awareness of environment Creativity Sense of purpose and fulfillment	Knowledge Skill enhancement Supportive feedback Assimilation into the culture Sense of cohesion, responsibility, and integrity Awareness of political environment Sense of power and confidence Creativity Leadership development Higher earnings Personal values clarification Professional values clarification Advancement of underrepresented groups Increased job satisfaction Greater influence in the organization	Improved job performance Productivity Cost-effectiveness Improved recruitment Talent pool development Career and life planning Career satisfaction Increased organizational communication and understanding Increased trust Maintaining motivation Improved strategic planning Creativity Employee enthusiasm Collaboration

Source. Information based, in part, on Allen and Eby (2007).

(Klinge, 2015, p. 161)

The Mentoring Conversation

“Effective mentors help the mentee **understand their inner world, fostering their ability to become more self-aware of their emotions, strengths, weaknesses, values, aspirations, fears, self limiting beliefs and so on.** They also help them **gain a better understanding of the world around them** and particularly the systems of which they are a part. Discussions often focus around some aspect of how the mentee is influenced by or influences these people and systems.” (Clutterbuck et al, 2017, p. 6)

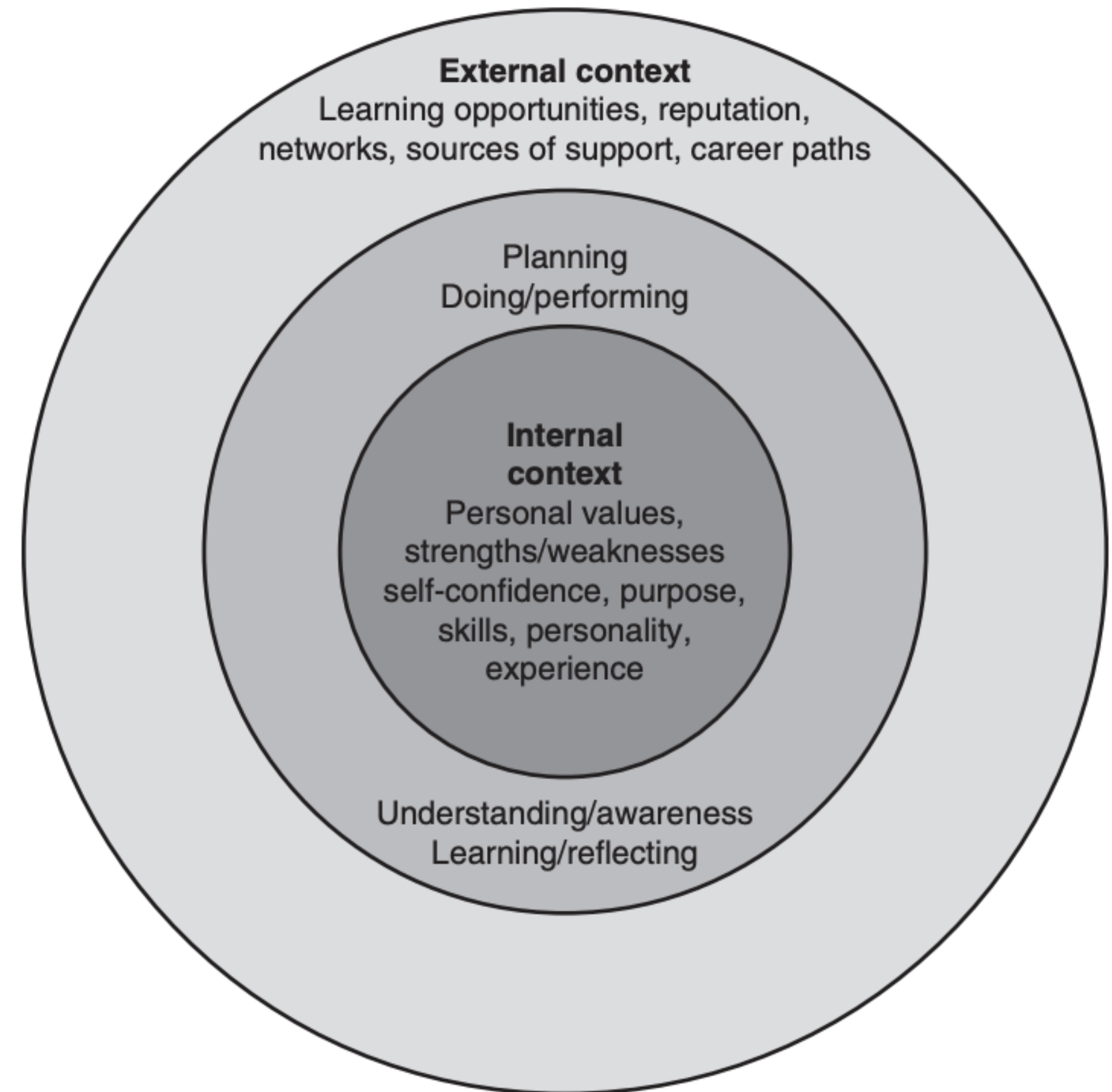


Figure I.1 The developmental conversation

Demystifying mentorship: Tips for successfully navigating the mentor– mentee journey (Ocobock et al., 2021, p. 12)

TABLE 2 This table provides examples of expectations a mentor or advisor can have of their mentee as well as expectations the mentee can have of their mentor or advisor. We also have specific examples of what these expectations might look like in action

General expectations of mentor or advisor	Example of specific action supporting expectation	General expectations of mentee or graduate student	Example of specific action supporting expectation
<i>Commit to mentoring</i> graduate student in a fashion which enables their success.	Hold regular meetings to discuss progress and identify goals.	<i>Acknowledge</i> primary responsibility for the successful completion of mentorship goals.	Keep commitments such as regular meetings even if goals are not met.
<i>Open and honest communication</i> and <i>assessment</i> regarding short- and long-term expectations and performance.	Be open about your own personality and mentoring style. Be receptive to feedback from student on mentoring styles.	<i>Open and honest communication</i> regarding struggles in work and life as well as mentor effectiveness.	Meet and communicate by sending regular updates to mentor/advisor with progress, awards, activities, and applications in progress.
<i>Have patience</i> with questions or mistakes that may seem trivial to a seasoned academic but not to an early career colleague or graduate student.	Work with mentee on writing their first conference abstract and sending professional emails to colleagues.	<i>Maintain a high level of</i> engagement, curiosity, and ethical standards and nurture motivation in healthy ways.	Read deeply and broadly outside of assigned work. Work to develop a broad mentor network.
<i>Approachability</i> —students should feel comfortable talking to mentors about challenges encountered in an academic and personal setting.	Provide a respectful, supportive, and safe environment, using equitable language, free of harassment.	<i>Reliability</i> in teaching or research assistant responsibilities.	Be knowledgeable about and comply with requirements and policies of graduate program, lab, and institution.
<i>Academic advice</i> —pass down knowledge and experience that will ease the academic journey. Acknowledge mentee's effort and hard work.	Provide advice on classes to take and conferences to attend. Provide constructive feedback on manuscripts and grants. Include mentee on publications when appropriate.	<i>Maintain diligence</i> in course work, progress toward dissertation, and professionalization.	Send everything! At least initially send all abstracts, professional emails, publication drafts, grant drafts, etc. to mentor for review.
<i>Professional advice</i> —provide an environment that is encouraging and inspires professional confidence.	Provide career advice on job opportunities and the application process. Plug mentee into professional network—especially at conferences.	<i>Understand</i> professional intentions or be open to exploring different avenues and not limiting career opportunities.	Be honest, and when appropriate, with mentors about abilities and limitations, strengths and weaknesses, and expectations.
<i>Recognize</i> that mentoring may require interactive and active instruction.	Train student/mentee in laboratory and methodological techniques, research development, and analysis process.	<i>Conduct and disseminate research</i> early on either within an established program or develop a new project.	Attend conferences and ideally present research at them on a yearly basis.
<i>Support navigating graduate school</i> and beyond, modeling professional and ethical values and attitudes.	Honestly address anxieties and insecurities of graduate life (i.e., poor job market) without devolving into discouragement.	<i>Develop independence</i> through increased individual problem solving and less mentor intercession over time.	Work through outlines and drafts of manuscripts, ironing out the details, before sending it to a mentor for feedback.
<i>Acknowledge and be sensitive to life matters</i> that may affect the graduate education process.	Recognize that student/mentee is a whole person with a life and responsibilities outside of work that may impact work performance.	<i>Acknowledge mentor's time and commitments</i> that impact performance and ability to give timely feedback.	Send mentor drafts (e.g., grants and manuscripts) or requests for letters of reference well before deadline to provide time for thorough review.

A new approach to mentoring for research careers: the National Research Mentoring Network (Sorkness, 2017, p. 200)

NRMN's Programs by Career Stage

NRMN offers a wide range of programs for students and scientists across all stages of their career in research across the NIH-funded sciences.

● Program Available ● Program Under Development

Program statuses as of Sept. 1st, 2016

	Undergraduate	Graduate	Postdoc	Junior Faculty	Senior Faculty	Non-faculty Researcher	Administrator
MATCHING /LINKING							
Guided Virtual Mentorships	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
MyNRMN	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Near Peer Mentoring	●	●	●				
Virtual Collaboratory			●	●	●	●	
TRAINING							
Career Coaching		●	●				
Facilitator Training				●	●	●	●
Grant Writing Coaching Groups			●	●	●	●	
Mentor Certifications				●	●		
Research Mentee Training	●	●	●	●			
Research Mentor Training		●	●	●	●	●	●
Shark Tank			●	●	●	●	
Institutional Mentoring Academy Planning							●
REFERRING							
Career Development Webinars	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
NRMNet Portal	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
PROMOTING							
NRMN Ambassadors	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Fig. 1 NRMN Programs by Career Stage, across the Four Program Goals

Sorkness, C. A., Pfund, C., Ofili, E. O., Okuyemi, K. S., Vishwanatha, J. K., NRMN team, ... & Womack, V. (2017, December). A new approach to mentoring for research careers: the National Research Mentoring Network. In *BMC proceedings* (Vol. 11, pp. 171-182). BioMed Central.

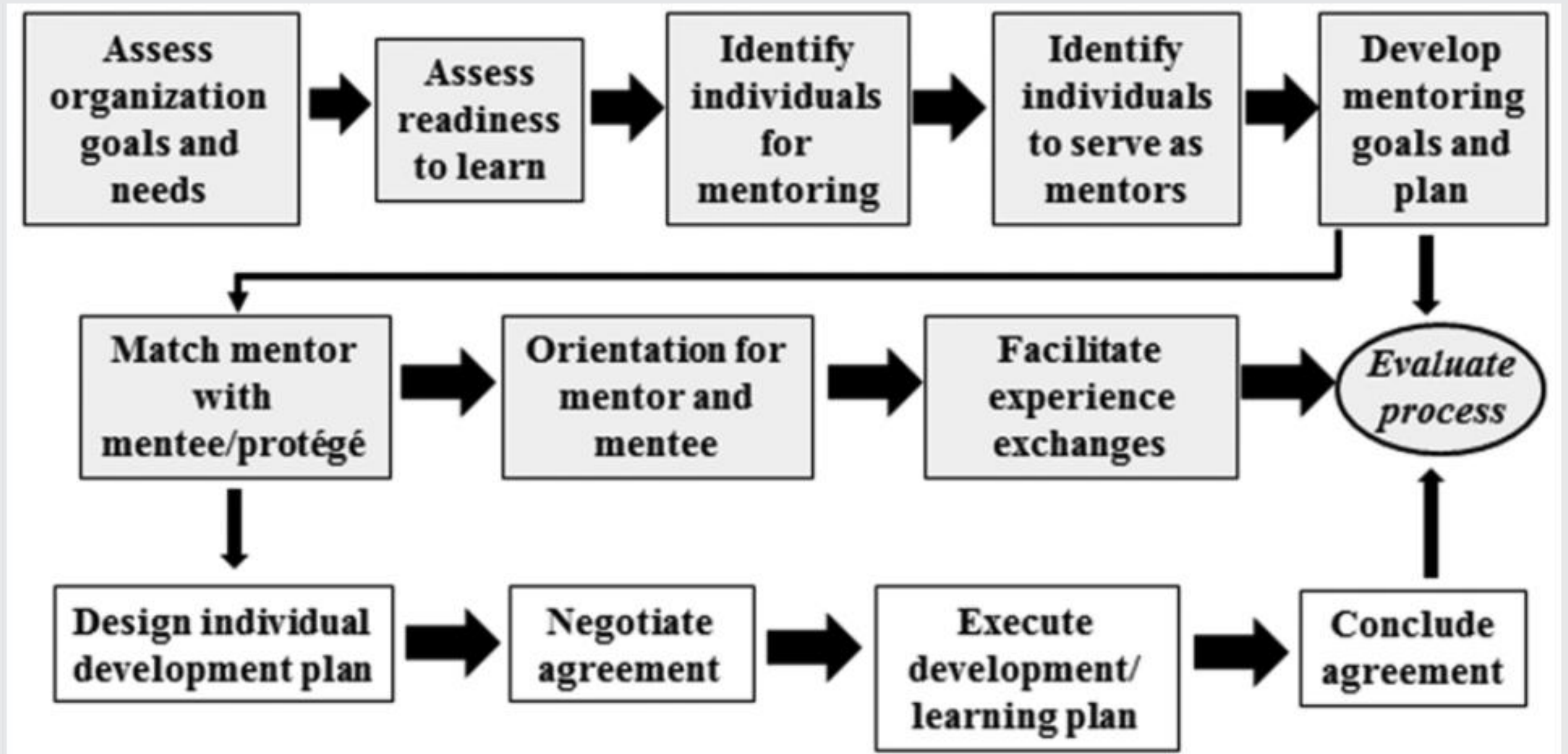


Figure 1. The process of implementing a facilitated mentoring plan.

Source. Information based, in part, on Murray (2001).

Note. Shading denotes mentoring coordinator processes, followed by unshaded mentoring pair responsibilities.

(Klinge, 2015, p. 164)

in higher education (Tasopoulou & Tsiotras, 2017, p. 618-625)

- An indicator of quality: the frequency of setting strategic objectives
- Performance measurements: ways of measuring customer satisfaction
- Performance measurements: ways of evaluating educational programmes
- Performance measurements: assessing institutional processes
- Performance measurements: the frequency of academic staff evaluation

Professional Development Plan: 7 Key Components

Professional goals

Set the direction and purpose of the plan, such as skills to be learned, competencies to acquire or milestones to be achieved.

Skill development

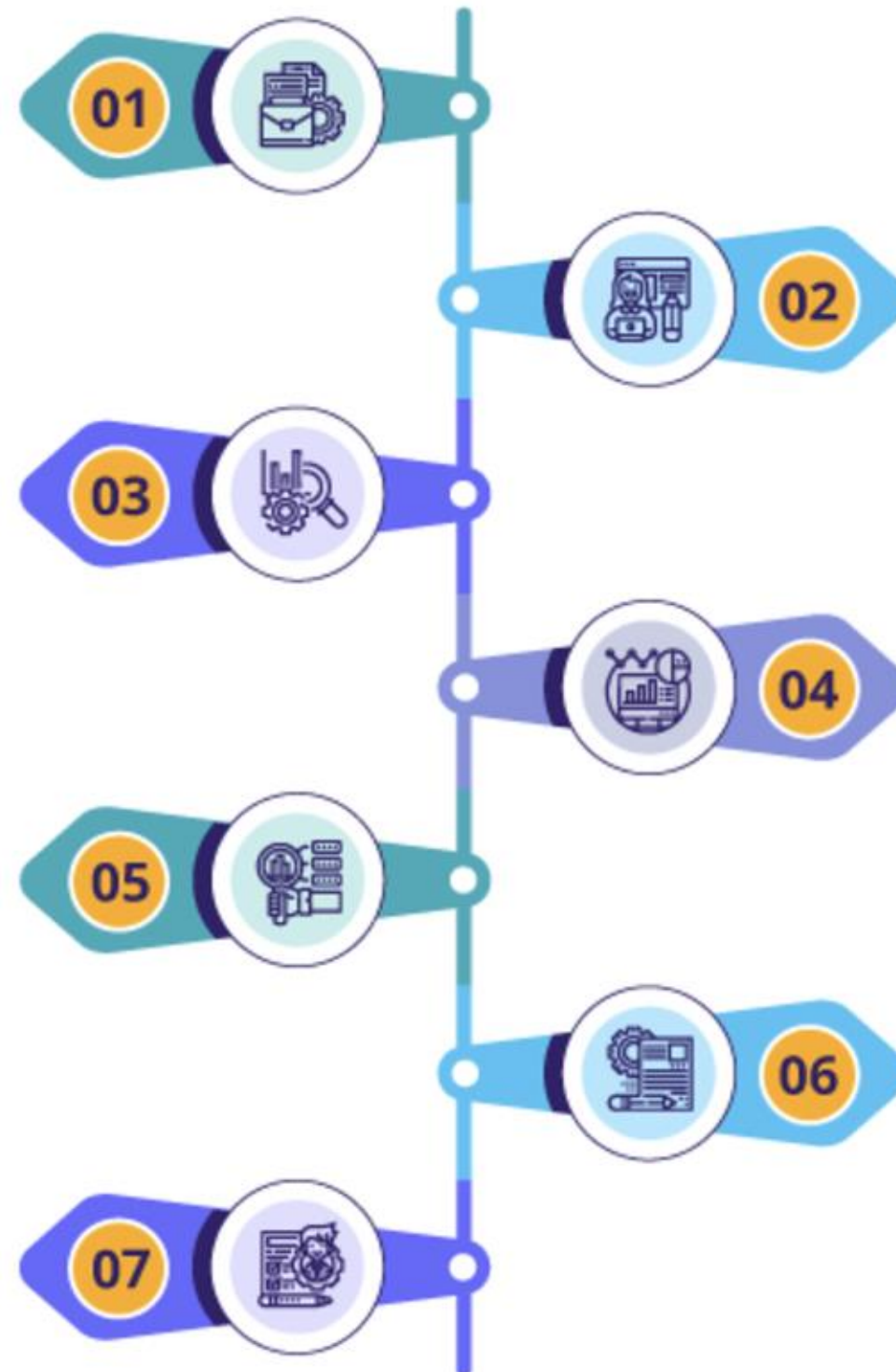
Identify the specific skills or knowledge areas to develop to ensure that learning efforts are directed toward acquiring these competencies.

Expected outcomes and KPIs

Measure progress with tangible results to achieve (outcomes), and quantifiable measures (KPI's) that will help track advancement toward these outcomes.

Feedback and evaluation

Assess the development of the PDP: review progress, address challenges and refine goals and strategies as needed.



Self-assessment

Employees must reflect on the areas of improvement to then identify those that require development and set realistic goals.

Performance goals

Set SMART goals to ensure clear, focused, and measurable objectives that will guide professional growth and learning journey.

An action plan

Outline the steps to achieve the set goals, such as attending training sessions, undertaking additional responsibilities or seeking mentorship.

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