



ACE Mentor is an after-school program that gives high schoolers a hands-on introduction to architecture, construction management, engineering and other construction careers.

Architects, engineers and construction professionals mentor groups of 25-30 high-school students in a team environment. Weekly team meetings take place from 5:00-7:00 PM in the downtown Chicago offices of design and construction firms. The FREE program runs for 15 weekly sessions from November 2025 through April 2026.

WHY

01 Experiential Learning

Learn firsthand about design and construction professions by doing design projects, going on construction site visits, and exploring professional workplaces

02 Valuable Awards

Pursue ACE college scholarships and summer work experiences, including paid internships, design camps and our ACE Summer Design-Build Workshop

03 Career Guidance

Receive college and career guidance to help you decide which discipline or specialty may be right for you

04 Develop Skills

Develop your skills in drawing, writing, presenting, problem solving, research development and public speaking

HOW



REGISTER ONLINE
app.acementor.org
Open Jul 15 - Oct 17



FREE PROGRAM
No cost to participate
if accepted



JOIN THE TEAM
Get connected with
your ACE team

Apply for 2025-26

Registration Opens: July 15

Application Deadline: October 17

APPLY HERE



Applicants will be notified in early November 2025 if they have been accepted

APPLICANT CRITERIA

- Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Interested in learning about career paths in the building design and construction industry
- Committed to actively attending and participating in weekly team meetings in downtown Chicago design firms.

Participants must arrange their own transportation downtown to team meetings.

Learn More

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ABOUT ACE

