Glossary of terms and icons

This glossary is a quick reference guide to help you understand key terms used in this program and some of the icons you will interact with.

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Program Glossary (in alphabetical order)

This glossary defines some of the important terms we use throughout the program.

Adult/Adulting: An adult can be anyone over the age of 18, or can refer to living independently, without relying on your parents/guardians to provide everything for you, or after you graduate high school.

Attachment/attaching a file: To attach a file means to send a file to someone using an online application (for example, sending your resumé to your mentor through MentorCity). An attachment is a file that has been shared using an online application (for example, when attaching your resumé to a message for your mentor, your resumé is the attachment).

Dashboard (on MentorCity): When you login to MentorCity, your dashboard is the first thing you will see. It will have the message hub, program activities, tutorials and other resources for the program.

Deliverable: Something you produce to show the outcome of your learning. This could be a written reflection, a video recording of yourself, a photo voice project, a story, presentation, or infographic, for example. Learn about the types of deliverables you can produce for each activity.

Extension Activity: Optional activities that you can do for each unit (see "unit" definition). If you are participating in the program as part of a class, make sure to ask your teacher if any of these are required.

Lesson: Each unit (see "unit" definition) has one or more lessons. Each lesson will have the following components to choose from:

- *Background Info*: Articles, videos or texts that give you some background on the unit's topic.
- *Activity and deliverable*: Apply the lesson's information to your own life and create a piece that shows what you learned (a "deliverable", see definition above).
- *Questions for you to ask your mentor*

Mentee (or eMentee): A person who is advised, supported and encouraged by a mentor (see "mentor" definition). Mentees in this program are high school students in rural communities in BC. An "eMentee" is a mentee who you meet with online.

Mentor (or eMentor): A trusted advisor or guide who provides support and encouragement. Mentors in this program are post-secondary students in or from BC. An "eMentor" is a mentor who you meet with online.

Mentoring (also eMentoring): A relationship where a more experienced person gives guidance, advice, support and encouragement to a less experienced person to try to help them be successful in the future. eMentoring is mentoring that is done online.

MentorCity: An online app that hosts this program. To view the program's activities and write to your mentor, you'll login to your MentorCity account that was provided by the eMentoring staff.

Message hub: This is where you will view all the messages you send and receive. To get to it, login to MentorCity and click on the message icon (see what this looks) on the top, right of your dashboard.

Portfolio: Your Portfolio is a collection of the final drafts of your deliverables. Keep your collection on your personal device (e.g. in a folder) or on a cloud storage app (like Dropbox, Google Drive, or OneDrive).

Post-secondary: This term refers to any schooling after high school graduation. For example: college, university, or trade school.

Rural eMentoring BC (also known as ReMBC): This program! We are a free online mentoring program that matches rural high school students with mentors who are college and university students. Our goal is to help you prepare for life after high school graduation.

Send Message box: This is where you will write messages to your mentor. To get to the send message box, click on your message hub on your MentorCity dashboard and scroll down until you see the text box. Type your message in the box, or attach a document, video, or voice message.

Survey: A survey is a series of questions you can answer to tell us what you think about the program – your answers will help us determine if the program's goals are being met and will help us improve the program for next year. There is a survey after each unit (see "unit" definition), and you will also take a final survey at the end of the program. Your answers will remain confidential (only the eMentoring staff will see them – not your teacher or your mentor) and anonymous (we won't know who wrote which answers).

Unit: This program has 13 units for you to work through with your mentor. Each unit is a different topic and has activities for you to do with your mentor. The units are: Finding Inspiration, Different Ways of Knowing, From Rural to Urban, Strategic Studying, Well-being and Self-care, Dis- and Misinformation, Getting Hired, Agency in the World, Confronting Discrimination, Career Exploration, Post-Secondary and Career Planning, Paying for School, and Adulting. You can find a description of each unit here (you must be logged in to MentorCity to view this).

Warm-up Activity: optional activities at the start of each unit (see "unit" definition) that get you started thinking about the unit's topic.

Icons

Icons on MentorCity

 Message hub: on the top, right of your MentorCity dashboard

 This is the icon you click on to attach a file. **Do not** attach a file, including pictures using

the link icon, which looks like this:

 This is the icon you click on to send your message.

 Document icon: This icon indicates that a file has been attached to a message. Click on it to view or download the attachment.

 AccessiBe icon: Click on this for MentorCity's built-in accessibility options.

Other icons to know

 Mac spotlight icon

 Windows icon (for searching for files and apps on Windows computers)