The Mentoring Program at El Paso Community College was started as part of the Developmental Education Initiative to assist the most at-risk students. In fall 2010, the pilot program started at the Northwest and the Valle Verde Campuses with 150 mentors working with students that had placed into developmental courses in all three areas (Math, Reading, and Writing) numbering 1,500 mentees. Currently, the primary goal of the program is to guide and support Developmental Educations Students through the attainment of their first 30 college credits.

In the spring of 2011, the Mentoring Program was expanded to all five campuses. Currently, there are 180 Mentors that have gone through the Mentoring Orientation and have been working with 1,800 students. Correspondence is sent to the students to orient them into the Mentoring Program and to elicit their interest in being mentored. The student is then assigned to a Mentor who contacts them a minimum of three times per semester through email, phone, or in face-to-face meetings to see how they are progressing and/or to provide them information about college services. Meet and Greet Events to bring the Mentor and the Mentee together are organized every semester to encourage this connection.

The Mentoring Steering Committee has compiled Mentoring and College Information for use by the Mentor in assisting the students. This information is provided to Mentors through a Mentoring Resource Guide and is also available on the college website for their use.