

GET CONNECTED WITH **INSTRUCTORS**

Instructors play an important role in retention when they can connect with students on a personal level.

Teaching teachers to build relationships with students may be more important than the curriculum content.²



When teachers connect with students and get to understand their struggles, stories, and history on an individual level, it makes for meaningful connections that can help students be successful.¹

For instructors to make the connection to students, they sometimes have to put the teacher and student relationship ahead of content and curriculum.¹



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