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Personal Value of the Virtual Mentor Experience

The mentorship was a great experience, even though it didn't really align with my job goals. I appreciated the opportunity to observe two online classes taught by Dr. Goldberg, it was very helpful to see a class live after building the module last semester.

I would have liked for it to begin earlier, so I had more opportunities to observe the online meetings and feel more comfortable offering suggestions to the students. This experience could have been of greater value to me if I had been paired with a librarian that serves at a distance. I was observing classes on librarianship and library administration. What would have been more help is if I could have followed the Henry County class from last semester, or continue with the GVS as a librarian for one class. I would have not been overwhelmed by having to serve a whole school at once, and I would have been able to gain valuable experience in my field. Another option would have been for me to be paired with one of UWGa's librarians who serve at a distance. While this probably would not have given me the day to day experience serving distance learners that I was hoping for, I would at least have some experience with one eLibrary platform.

I was also hoping that my mentorship would provide me with a connection I could use to get a foot in the door, but it makes perfect sense that there wouldn't be an online librarian for me to observe since it appears that there aren't any k-12 eLibrarians.