



**May the mentorship force be with YOU in May
Embrace the power of mentorship for exponential personal and professional growth**

In the Mahabharata, one of the most notable instances of mentorship is seen in the relationship between Dronacharya and his students, especially Arjuna. Dronacharya served as the martial arts teacher to both Pandavas and Kauravas, imparting his knowledge and skills in archery and warfare. A significant episode illustrating Dronacharya's mentorship occurs during the training of Arjuna. Dronacharya recognized Arjuna's exceptional talent and dedication to archery. Under Dronacharya's guidance, Arjuna honed his skills to become a master archer. One pivotal moment is when Dronacharya tests Arjuna's focus and determination by placing a wooden bird on a tree and asking his students to aim for its eye. Before allowing Arjuna to shoot, Dronacharya asks each student what they see. While others mention the bird, the tree, or the sky, Arjuna's response demonstrates deep focus and reverence for his mentor. He only sees the bird's eye !

Let us read between the lines underscored above. Why Arjuna needed Dronacharya's mentorship when he was already an exceptionally talented and dedicated in archery? Why Arjuna needed Dronacharya's guidance to hone his skills to be a master archer? Lifelong mentorship plays a crucial role in personal and professional development for several reasons.

- Mentorship provides ongoing opportunities for learning and growth throughout one's life. As individuals encounter new challenges and transitions at different stages, having a mentor helps navigate these experiences and acquire new skills and perspectives.
- In a rapidly evolving world, lifelong mentorship helps individuals adapt to changing environments, technologies and societal shifts. Mentors can offer insights and guidance on how to embrace change and seize new opportunities.
- Seasoned mentors possess valuable wisdom and experience gained over years of practice in life. This knowledge transfer is invaluable for mentees seeking to avoid pitfalls, make informed decisions, and accelerate their progress.
- Lifelong mentorship provides emotional support during challenging times. Mentors serve as trusted confidants who offer encouragement, empathy and perspective, helping mentees navigate personal and professional struggles.
- Mentors serve as role models who inspire mentees to strive for excellence and achieve their full potential.
- A lifelong mentor can assist in setting and achieving long-term goals. Regular check-ins with a mentor keep mentees accountable, ensuring steady progress towards desired outcomes.
- Continuous mentorship fosters self-confidence and resilience by providing constructive feedback and encouragement. Mentees gain confidence in their abilities and resilience to bounce back from setbacks.

In summary, lifelong mentorship is essential for continuous learning, adaptation to change, wisdom transfer, expanded networks, emotional support, role modeling, goal setting, confidence building, personalized development, and leaving a meaningful legacy. It enriches both mentors and mentees, fostering growth and fulfillment throughout life's journey. At Achievers Circle we mentor you to see only the bird's eye !

