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Research mentorship is a new construct emerging in the literature, but remains inadequately defined and scarcely researched. This topic is of relevance to counselor education because of the paucity of literature on the topic, and because of our professional commitments to diversity, wellness, and scholarship. Effective mentorship has been shown to aid in the development and retention of underrepresented groups in higher education, to increase occupational wellness, and to improve quality research output. The purpose of this quantitative descriptive/comparative study was to determine whether pre-tenured counselor educators receive research mentorship, and if so, whether that mentorship differs for men and women. The instrument utilized was a web-based survey entitled the Research Mentor Quality Questionnaire (RMQQ), a survey presented in a web-based format. This survey consisted of 19 questions intended to gather information about respondents' experiences with research mentorship, as well as demographic information about respondents and their mentors. The 139 respondents (51.7% response rate) indicated that most pre-tenured counselor educators receive research mentorship, and the quality of research mentorship is not significantly different for men and women on most items. Implications for the profession of counselor education and suggestions for future study are presented.

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