PAC Online Student Portfolio

Objectives:

The PAC Online Student portfolio plays two roles for DePaul students. The first role is that it will collect all the vital information you need for applying to professional schools. This way you are prepared and the application process is faster and smoother (keep in mind the earlier you apply the better). The second role the PAC Online Student Portfolio plays is it will help the PAC committee members get to know you better. Once your Portfolio is complete you will submit it to PAC and in turn this information will help the committee write the best possible letter for you.

The PAC Online Student Portfolio can be made in any platform that you choose:

- Digication
- Wix.com
- Weebly.com
- Other

Please see the links below for examples of several different formats of the PAC Online Student portfolio.
- https://depaul.digication.com/demon_blue_pac_student_portfolio_mock/Welcome/published
- http://lburdick331.wix.com/blue-demon-pac
- http://depaulmockpacportfolio.weebly.com/

Please note: Due to the personal information included in your portfolio you should keep your PAC Online Student portfolio website private and only share it with the PAC and people you know and trust.

What should be included?
The following sections should all be included within your PAC Online Student Portfolio. See portfolio links above for examples.

Sections 1: About Me:
- About Me:
  - This is a great place for you to tell the PAC a little bit about yourself. It should only be approximately 1 paragraph. In this section, include a current picture of yourself so the PAC knows who you are.
- Why Professional School?
  - Tell the PAC why you want to go to professional school. This is not meant to be your personal statement, view this question as if you had a graduate school interview and someone asked "Why do you want to be a _____?" What would you say?

Section 2: Academic Information
- In this section you will attach/add the following information:
  - Schools Attended
    - List of Schools you have attended including location and date of attendance starting with High School
  - Grades
    - Please download and fill out the Professional School GPA Calculator, once filled out attach the document to your portfolio.
    - Download the Professional School GPA Calculator HERE
  - Unofficial Transcripts
    - Attach any unofficial transcripts from colleges or universities you attended including community colleges.
  - Professional School Test Scores
    - Add or Attach a copy of your graduate test scores (GRE, MCAT, PCAT, DAT, OAT, etc.)
    - **It is expected that you complete your graduate school test by the January of the year you are planning to apply (ex: Take MCAT by January 2015 to apply to medical school by July 2015)**

SECTION 3: Activities and Leadership Experience

- You can address up to 15 activities you have participated in since you first started attending college. Please divide your activities into; research, shadowing, volunteering, clubs and organizations, work experience, and other (awards, honors, etc.). Emphasize the experiences in which you had a leadership role, and how your leadership skills were developed.
  - Add a copy of your current resume
  - Research Experiences
    - Include:
      - Experience Type
      - Experience Name
      - Start Date
      - End Date
      - Total Hours
      - Organization Name
      - Contact's First and Last Name
      - Contact's Title, Phone Number, and Email Address
      - Experience Description (700 characters max)
  - Shadowing Experiences
    - Include:
      - Experience Type
      - Experience Name
      - Start Date
      - End Date
      - Total Hours
      - Organization Name
      - Contact's First and Last Name
      - Contact's Title, Phone Number, and Email Address
      - Experience Description (700 characters max)
  - Volunteering Activities
    - Include:
      - Experience Type
      - Experience Name
      - Start Date
      - End Date
      - Total Hours
      - Organization Name
      - Contact's First and Last Name
      - Contact's Title, Phone Number, and Email Address
      - Experience Description (700 characters max)
  - Work Experiences
    - Include:
      - Experience Type
      - Experience Name
      - Start Date
      - End Date
      - Total Hours
      - Organization Name
      - Contact's First and Last Name
      - Contact's Title, Phone Number, and Email Address
      - Experience Description (700 characters max)
  - Clubs and Organizations
    - Include:

- Experience Type
- Experience Name
- Start Date
- End Date
- Total Hours
- Organization Name
- Contact's First and Last Name
- Contact's Title, Phone Number, and Email Address
- Experience Description (700 characters max)
  - Other (can include: Dean's List, Conferences Attended, Military Service, Scholarships, Awards, Etc.)
    - Please include any other experiences you may have had while in college.
      - Experience Type
      - Experience Name
      - Start Date
      - End Date
      - Total Hours
      - Organization Name
      - Contact's First and Last Name
      - Contact's Title, Phone Number, and Email Address
      - Experience Description (700 characters max)

Section 4: Personal Statement
- Add and attach a copy of your FINAL personal statement – be aware that most personal statements for professional schools can have up to 5300 characters, including spaces.

Section 5: Individual Letters of Recommendation
- List 3-5 people who will be sending individual letters of recommendation to the PAC. Must include – name, title and contact information.
  - 1 science faculty member
  - 1 clinician
  - 1 recommendation of your choice.
- Please download the following forms and send to your evaluators.
  - AMCAS Guidelines for Writing a Letter of Recommendation
  - Individual Letter of Recommendation Form

Section 6: Professional School Information
- List of programs you are currently planning on applying to and 1-3 sentences about why you would like to attend that institution.

Section 7: Waivers:
- Attach a copy of the signed waiver form so that the PAC can view your current academic information.
- Download Waiver Here

Section 8: Reflections
- Please provide the following reflection pieces.
  - Strengths and Weaknesses (2500 characters max)
    - Write about your current strengths and current weaknesses and what you are doing to improve your weaknesses or what you have done to overcome your weaknesses.
  - Diversity Statement: What does diversity mean to you? (2500 characters max)
    - Write about what diversity means to you, how diversity was represented in your *Activities and Leadership Experiences*, and what role it plays in your life.
  - Qualities: (2500 characters max)
    - List 5 qualities that you think all professionals in your field of choice should have.

- - - Write about what qualities you have and how those qualities will play a positive role in your health profession.
  - Other: (2500 characters max)
    - - In this section include any other information you would like the PAC to know. For instance, research papers, poster presentations, conferences attended, extra reflections, etc.

Section 9: Contact Information
- Please include:
  - Name
  - DePaul ID Number
  - Address
  - E-mail Address
  - Phone Number

Once you have completed your PAC Online Student Portfolio please e-mail the website link to: CSHPreHealth@depaul.edu