Sharing Curriculum Inventory Innovations

Reports from the Curriculum Inventory

The AAMC Curriculum Inventory (CI) submission cycle for 2017-2018 curriculum has now concluded – congratulations to all schools who have submitted! We appreciate the effort it takes to maintain and share your curriculum inventory. We hope that the new Verification Report format was useful to you, and welcome feedback on additions or changes you’d like to see in the future at ci@aamc.org.

Now that the data is collected, the next step in the process for AAMC is to go through “validations,” or quality checks, to ensure that we use the most accurate and complete data possible when preparing reports. These validations flag things like “2810” instead of “2018”, unusual character lengths in learning objectives, the uniqueness of events, etc.

Once these validations and the data cleaning process is complete, the 2017-2018 curricular data can be included in curriculum reports. Customized reports are a primary method the AAMC utilizes to share curriculum innovations with you. As a reminder, there are over 70+ publicly available curriculum reports on the CI website, and participating schools can also request custom reports on any given topic. The custom curriculum report template recently received a number of upgrades, including:

- The number of schools included in the report (and in the curriculum inventory)
- The geographic regions of schools included in the report (e.g., midwestern, western, southern, northeastern)
- The metropolitan statistical area population size of schools included in the report
- The governance structure (e.g., public, private) of schools included in the report
- The class sizes per academic level of schools included in the report

Below is an example of the new additions to customized reports, using sample data:

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<tr>
<th>Medical School Ownership</th>
<th>Percentage of Participating Schools in this Report</th>
<th>Number of Schools in this Report</th>
<th>Number of Schools in the 2016-2017 Curriculum Inventory</th>
<th>Total Number of Schools</th>
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<tr>
<td>Private</td>
<td>66.0%</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>57</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public</td>
<td>33.3%</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>All</td>
<td>61.8%</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>131</td>
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<th>Medical School Region</th>
<th>Percentage of Participating Schools in this Report</th>
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<td>Central</td>
<td>62.5%</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>32</td>
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<td>Northeast</td>
<td>57.1%</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>40</td>
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<td>Southern</td>
<td>63.8%</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>47</td>
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<td>Western</td>
<td>64.7%</td>
<td>11</td>
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We hope this additional information will help contextualize the curriculum reports you request.

**AAMC Annual Learn Serve Lead Meeting**

This year’s AAMC annual meeting, Learn Serve Lead, is set for November 2-6, 2018 in Austin, Texas! Registration is now open [here](#). There will be several opportunities throughout the meeting to learn more about and become involved with the AAMC Curriculum Inventory.

1. **AAMC Curriculum Inventory - Open Business Meeting**  
   *Friday, November 2, 2018: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*  
   This meeting is for all key stakeholders of the AAMC Curriculum Inventory. We will be presenting ongoing operational work and future plans for curriculum inventory and mapping initiatives. Curriculum deans, administrators, and developers are especially encouraged to attend, as your input will be solicited and discussed.

2. **AAMC Curriculum Inventory 2017-18 Knowledge Sharing**  
   *Sunday, November 4, 2018: 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.*  
   This session will provide updates to curriculum inventory and mapping stakeholders, namely curricular deans, administrators, and faculty, regarding the 2017-2018 AAMC Curriculum Inventory upload process and preliminary results.

3. **Exhibitor’s Hall**  
   *Saturday, November 3 - Monday, November 5*  
   A number of vendors and technological tools will be available for you to meet and greet at the Exhibits Hall. You can read ahead about vendors who offer curriculum mapping tools ahead of the meeting [here](#).

**The AAMC CI Committee**

The AAMC Curriculum Inventory has historically had a number of committees made up of members to support and advise the development of the program. To help us work efficiently and maximize our members’ input, we are streamlining these groups into one AAMC CI Committee. One of the AAMC CI
Committee subgroups, the CI Research Group, is currently crafting a formal structured survey to be sent to medical schools; this will collect information on curricular mapping practices and challenges. We wish to thank everyone for their contributions thus far and appreciate their willingness to continue to advise and support the CI. The CI Committee has helped draft the following purpose and mission:

*The mission of the AAMC CI Committee is for its members to act as ambassadors to the medical education community, fostering value in the curriculum inventory tool, advocating for broad participation and endorsing its benefits.*

*The AAMC CI Committee provides an avenue for AAMC to engage with members on the AAMC CI, solicit their input, and partner with them on projects. The committee advises and supports the AAMC curriculum inventory to advance the program in the following areas:*

- Ensure curriculum inventory data chosen for collection and reporting is useful and of quality
- Provide schools with data to support internal benchmarking
- Provide schools with data to support curricular change
- Support schools’ continuous quality improvement and accreditation efforts
- Identify and disseminate best practices in curriculum and curricular mapping
- Offer recommendations regarding learning and curriculum management technology
- Support AAMC’s role in advocating for schools to media, government bodies, and others
- Participate on special project groups as assigned

**The AAMC CI Webinar Series**

Our next CI webinar is set for October 10, 2018 at 1:00pm EST. This webinar series has been known as the Curriculum Inventory Administrator’s Group; while some of the content of the webinar focuses on operational aspects of the AAMC CI, it also typically highlights innovations in curriculum and curriculum mapping at medical schools. To better reflect the content of the webinar series, it will be rebranded as the “AAMC Building Better Curriculum” webinar series. If you have a curriculum innovation you wish to share, including innovations related to curriculum mapping, and wish to volunteer as a guest speaker, please reach out.

You can register for upcoming CI webinars and view past CI webinars [here](#). The [CI website](#) holds a number of resources that may be helpful to you in preparing and using your CI data. If you have suggestions about additional resources desired, or have trouble locating a needed resource, please reach out to [ci@aamc.org](mailto:ci@aamc.org).

Onward!

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