Updates on 2019 CI Summer Internship and Verification Report Improvements

Welcome, Angela Wang!
I’d like to thank you for sharing the information about our Summer Internship program with your students. I’m happy to welcome Angela Wang, a second-year medical student from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, to our team. Angela started her summer internship with us a couple of weeks ago and is currently helping AAMC CI with creating national reports on various medical school curriculum topics. We hope that this opportunity will help Angela gain insights about our work, as well as cultivate her appreciation for strategic curriculum design and advance her career.

Verification Report Improvements
Reviewing the AAMC CI Verification Report is a major component of your CI curricular data upload process. The Verification Report is generated in the CI School Portal after a school successfully submits their XML file. Improving the usability and aesthetic of the Verification Report has been a top priority for the AAMC’s CI team. The project kicked off in 2018 and focused on improving readability, adding explanations, and revising wording for clarity. Since the initial announcement of this work (see the June 2018 CI Newsletter), I am excited to share further improvements that we have made for the 2019 CI season. (Please note that all tables featured in this newsletter use sample/made-up data.)

Let’s start with the addition of a new “Sequence Block/Course Summary” table to the Verification Report. Having this high-level data should allow a Curricular Dean to quickly review the number of events and objectives for each course.

Table 11: All Sequence Blocks (Course/Clerkship) Overview

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<th>Sequence Block Title</th>
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We recognize that for some schools, the Verification Report can be very lengthy. If the goal of reviewing the Verification Report is for accuracy assurance, asking one Curricular Dean to verify the details for each event and course is probably not realistic. However, the faculty directly involved in the leadership of specific sections of the curriculum such as a neurology clerkship director or dean of basic science is likely to know their sections of the curriculum more intimately. The Verification Report will have details about specific sequence blocks/course collected together and packaged with bookmarks to readily support sharing of relevant content with appropriate faculty leaders. Faculty leaders then can review the portions of the curricular data that they are most familiar with. We hope this improvement not only enhances your CI data verification process, but also proves useful for your internal program evaluation purposes.

Other improvements to the CI Verification Report include a new table, similar to the assessments mapped to program expectations, but now mapping instructional methods up to program expectations, the new bookmarks by sequence block, new and/or text changes for further clarity, etc.

With the opening of the 2019 CI season around the corner, we continue to work on delivering an improved experience for CI users. If you have any questions, please reach out to ci@aamc.org.

Onward!

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