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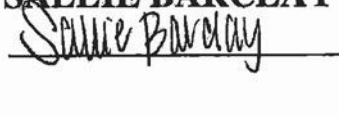
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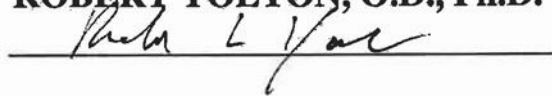
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INTRODUCTION

Pacific University College of Optometry generally enrolls approximately ten to twelve Canadian students per year. There is currently a lack of information for these students regarding numerous aspects of living in the United States. For example, many new students do not know what documentation is required on a student visa to cross the border. This lack of information adds to the confusion and stress associated with starting a professional program.

In the past, students have dealt with the information access problem individually and with considerable effort by searching through scattered documents located in numerous sources. This project has compiled information about living as a student in the United States into a single, readily available resource that will be available on the Pacific University College of Optometry's Web site.

PROJECT DESIGN

We have created a Web site including brief explanations of the following: 1) where and how to get money 2) visas, 3) automobile insurance, 4) medical insurance 5) special documents, and 6) other important information. We gathered data from various resources. Contact was made with persons of authority in various organizations including the Canadian and American governments. We also consulted the International Student Advisor at Pacific University and Canadian students currently attending optometry school in the United States.

PROJECT RELEVANCE

Canadian students will be made aware of the site via a memo sent with initial forms to Canadian students entering Pacific University the following fall. Information on the site will also be made available to other optometry schools and colleges so that they can link to our site.

We will monitor the effectiveness of our site by counting hits on the site and by surveying entering Canadian students. We have gathered the necessary information together into a single source

available on the World Wide Web to make the transition from Canada to the United States smoother.

CONCLUSION

Our web page has compiled most of the useful information necessary for a Canadian student entering an American optometry school in an entertaining format. Although our information is currently correct and up to date, it may be necessary for a future student to update this web site as information changes. The information presented in our web page is what we believe to be best for Canadian students. It should be re-verified by the student before he makes any important decisions. This web page in no way reflects the opinions of Pacific University or the College of Optometry.