Notes from June 14, 2007 PESC Conference Call on Development of XML Standard for the Application for Admission

Discussion on the call was begun by Adriana Farella, chair of the Workgroup, at 4 minutes after the hour.

**Employment**: This was the first topic of discussion on today’s call. This relates to current or previous employment of the applicant. The complex data element from the straw man was

![Diagram of Employment element](image)

We had previously decided (when reviewing the Questions section) to add two new optional repeatable simple data elements.

The first was “SchoolAppliedEmployed” to be used to indicate that the applicant or a family member of the applicant either is or has been employed at the school to which the person is applying. The enumerated values would be “Applicant; FamilyMember; Father; Mother”.

The second was “StateProvinceEmployed” to be used to indicate that the applicant or a family member is or has been employed in the state or province where the school to which the person is applying is located.
On today’s call, we decided to add some new child data elements to the complex data element “Applicant.Application.Employment.Employer.Contacts”.

Add new optional simple data element “ContactTitle” which would be a text string of up to 60 characters. This would be the title of the person at the current or previous place of employment who could be contacted for additional information.

Add a new optional Boolean data element “OKToContact” to indicate if the applicant has given permission to contact the employer.

We also agreed to add three new optional data elements as child to Employment:

- The first would be called “EmploymentStatusCode” with enumerated values of “FullTime; PartTime”.
- The second would be a new optional data element “EmploymentWeeklyHours” which would be a numeric (I think) field.
- The third would be a new optional repeatable data element “JobDescription” with a maximum length of 80 characters.

We also agreed to change the “EmploymentBeginDate” and “EmploymentEndDate” fields to “EmploymentBeginYearMonth” and “EmploymentEndYearMonth” with format of CCYY-MM.

We also agreed to change “PositionTitle” from a maximum length of 26 characters to 60.

**Health:** We next discussed this complex data element in the straw man schema. The straw man only contained two data elements: Immunizations and NoteMessage.

After considerable discussion, we agreed that any information provided by the student on immunizations was not really useful. So at this time, we agreed to delete the data element Immunizations.
During our previous review of specific questions, we had agreed to discuss the following questions when we got to this section:

1. Do you have a Life Threatening communicable disease (AIDS, Hepatitis, etc.)?
2. Are you handicapped or disabled?
3. Have you ever been treated for a nervous, emotional or mental condition?
4. Do you have any special health needs?
5. Do you need any special accommodation for a health condition?

Clare volunteered to research the first question to see if there might be an enumerated list of communicable diseases that might be available and appropriate.

After considerable discussion, I think we temporarily agreed to ignore and not include the remaining four questions since they seemed inappropriate (and perhaps illegal) for an application for admission.

However, Adriana asked for anyone who receives these notes to use any available resources, such as list serves or other information available from the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) to report back if these questions are addressed there.

Or, similarly, if these questions appear on any college admissions applications that are available to them.

We ended this week’s call at 53 minutes after the hour.

**Next Call:** On the next call, we plan to complete the discussion on Health and begin a discussion on the applicant’s Government and Military history.

The next call will be Thursday, June 21, at noon Eastern (11 am Central, 10 am Mountain, 9 am Pacific) Daylight Saving Time. Call 800.508.7631; Room code *9976409*. 
On today’s call were:

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