Goal Milestone Reflection Essays
Your Last semester at Palmer
2015-2016

Palmer Goals

- **Goal 1:** Apply the principles, ethics and philosophy of the profession while serving their patrons, institutions and communities;
- **Goal 2:** Utilize a broad range of approaches, systems, and technologies to manage and deliver information;
- **Goal 3:** Deliver user-centered services and cost-effective programs tailored to the needs of diverse populations;
- **Goal 4:** Staff, manage and lead libraries and information organizations of all types;
- **Goal 5:** Contribute to the profession through service, research and advocacy

Formatting and location of uploads:

- Each reflection essay should be no less than a page and a half, double spaced size 12 font.
- These reflections should upload under either each Goal Section of your e-portfolio.

What should these essays be?

- During your last semester at the Palmer School, you will be writing five reflection essays, in which you show your achievement in the five goals by reflecting on the artifacts, discussions and readings and your experiences during your Palmer education.
- These reflection essays will be a self-narrative assessing your skills through your own learning. It is important to reference specific artifacts, discussions and readings for the SLOs within each goal.
- In assessing your skills you should highlight the following while considering each of the Palmer School SLOs as it relates to the Palmer School Goals:
  - introduction of the skill
  - developing of the skills
  - complete comprehension and retention of the skill
- Make sure to reference where you have learned the knowledge and skills you are address; courses, internships, observations, uploaded and not uploaded assignments.
- When you are writing each goal reflections ask yourself….:
  - Have I used these skills in practice and how have I used them.
  - What did these activities mean in terms of accomplishing the goal.
  - Give examples of courses you took that connect common skills within the goal; reference your SLOs.
  - Identify any professional organizations you belong to and which activities you have attended and how it relates to the goal, if applicable.
  - Identify any volunteering you have done and the activities you completed and how it relates to the goal, if applicable.
  - Refer to your internship experience.

To view the e-Portfolio Milestone Rubric used to assess your reflection essays please visit the Palmer Blog at http://palmerblog.liu.edu/?page_id=10921