

## Foster



### **Mr. John M. Foster**

#### **Summary:**

Mr. Foster has 4 years of experience working with the functional setup and maintenance of Student Financials within PeopleSoft Campus Solutions. His experience comes from using PeopleSoft as both an end-user and a functional resource for implementations. He has a strong understanding of the PeopleSoft Student Financials framework, table structure, setup pages, and application pages. While Mr. Foster's area of expertise is PS Student Financials, he also has the necessary understanding of other modules as they interface with Student Financials. His familiarity with other modules includes Admissions, Student Records, Financial Aid, Financials, and Payroll.

Mr. Foster has earned a Master of Business Administration as well as a Bachelor of Science in Finance. He has also gained designation as a Certified Public Accountant (inactive status) in the State of Louisiana. His experience in this field includes fund accounting in a higher education setting. His additional 8 years of professional experience include Assistant Vice President of a community bank, Assistant Controller and Director of Finance and Administration of local businesses, which contributes to his success in providing quality services to clients.

**Institution: George Fox University – Newberg, Oregon – 08/2008 to present**

#### Application/Skill Set

PeopleSoft version 9, Student Financials, PS Query, SQL Developer, PS Population Update, PS File Parser, PS Population Selection

#### Services Provided

Mr. Foster is the lead Student Financials consultant for the implementation team at George Fox University. This project took the approach of being vanilla. Therefore, the challenge of no customizations required a good knowledge of delivered processes. He assisted in the creation of the project plan in conjunction with a very tight time line. He led the efforts for the set up of foundation tables such as the SF Installation Table, SF Business Units, SF Account Types,

Charge Priority Lists, Overall Payment Priority, as well as the conversion for all Item Types. The process of Tuition Calculation was also led by Mr. Foster for the documentation, configuration, and knowledge transfer of the process which included a pro-rated, block, and surcharge rate structure. This process also included complex waiver transactions. Since service indicators are an extensive part of business processes for the university, careful consideration was given for this conversion process. Additional documentation, configuration, and testing is being led in all Student Financials areas including Student Billing, Cashiering, Payment Plans, Student Refunding, the General Ledger Interface, Credit History, Late Fees, and the External File Load process. Mr. Foster is also assisting in the efforts to convert balances from the legacy system to ensure a smooth transition for go-live. In addition, Mr. Foster utilized his skills with the delivered file parser process to load the General Ledger Interface data to existing Item Types. He also is assisting the technical team in writing several interim custom interfaces with the Financial Aid module. Additionally, he set up the Population Update process as the interface between Student Life and Student Financials. Mr. Foster utilizes his working knowledge of the Student Financials table structure to facilitate these duties.

## **Institution: Anderson University – Anderson, Indiana – 12/2007 to 07/2008**

### Application/Skill Set

PeopleSoft version 9, Student Financials, PeopleSoft Query, Application Designer, SQL Developer.

### Services Provided

Mr. Foster worked as the lead Student Financials consultant for the implementation team at Anderson University. He led the efforts for the design, configuration, and testing of all Student Financials modules. He designed and provided detailed descriptions for the SF Installation table, SF Business Units, SF Institution Set, SF Account Types, Charge Priority Lists, Overall Payment Priority, and Item Type tables. Additional configuration work was accomplished to implement a very detailed Tuition Calculation process, Electronic File Load processes, Third Party Charge applications, Cashiering, Refunding, Billing, and GL Interface table population. He also led the efforts of converting Item Types and account balances from the legacy system. In addition, the implementation involved encompassing all student and non-student Accounts Receivable accounts into the Student Financials module for transactional and billing purposes. He also assisted in the construction of Financial Aid interfaces from the legacy system.

Mr. Foster worked closely with the Technical team in resolving database and application errors that were encountered. Tools that were utilized include PS Query, SQL Developer, Application Designer

**Institution: University of Missouri – Saint Louis, Missouri – 08/2007 to 11/2007**

Application/Skill Set

PeopleSoft version 8.9, Student Financials, PeopleSoft Query.

Services Provided

Mr. Foster worked as a member of the implementation team for the Student Financials module. He assisted with Student Financials setup and created detailed documentation of both the Student Financials framework and the general applications. Detailed descriptions were provided for the SF Installation table, SF Business Units, SF Institution Set, SF Account Types, Charge Priority Lists, Overall Payment Priority, and Item Type tables. Additional documentation was created for the population of tables for tuition calculation, processing charges and payments, and the SF Cashiering tables. He worked closely with the Student Financials lead to facilitate the testing of tuition calculation, third party contacts, waivers, external file loads, and 3 Cs functionality.

**Institution: Southeastern Louisiana University – Hammond, Louisiana – 07/2004 to 08/2006**

Application/Skill Set

PeopleSoft version 8.0, Student Financials, PeopleSoft Query.

Services Provided

Mr. Foster worked as the Assistant Controller that supervised the Accounts Receivable section in the Controller's Office and was responsible for the setup and maintenance of student accounts within PeopleSoft. Setup included Student Financials Installation table, Business Units, Item Types, Account Types, Tuition Groups, Adjustment and Billing Calendars, Term/Course/Class/Optional Fees, Waivers, and Individual/Mass Tuition Calculations. In addition, he was responsible for implementing direct deposit for student refunds. Mr. Foster supervised the daily activities such as Student Refunds, posting charges through Student Posting and Group Posting, posting charges and payments to Corporate Accounts, Group Posting from external sources, monitoring ePayment Transactions, and Cashiering functions. Mr. Foster worked with the General Ledger Interface process and all aspects of student billing. He put together detailed documentation on daily processes and that documentation was used by the Controller's Office staff. Additionally, he worked with PeopleSoft query to identify populations to upload to the customized billing process. Mr. Foster also established queries on accounts receivable data for administrative reporting, year-end write offs, as well as other ad-hoc queries.

