

Technology Coordinator Candidate

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As technology coordinator, I would tap into our region's rich technology knowledge to facilitate sharing of that knowledge through connecting any members interested in enhancing their technology skills in their advising practice. I would do so through encouraging multiple avenues for members to share how they are using technology in advising. This might include technology sharing "meet ups" at conferences, online forums to interact about technological problems and solutions, or periodic articles and interviews on the region's website.

I have a longstanding personal and programmatic interest in technology for advising. My personal experience includes shared note taking systems, team collaboration and productivity tools, multiple social media platforms, website development, video tutorial production, and leveraging mobile devices. At a programmatic level, my responsibilities involve evaluating new technologies, training advisors on technology use, and serving on technology-oriented committees. In this capacity, I have tested software and hardware and provided purchase recommendations. I also organize regular trainings during office staff meetings. I have participated in creating procedural guidelines during the business school's adoption of the SSC Campus and OrgSync platforms.

My NACADA involvement began in 2005 and since then I have attended one regional and two national conferences. I also have participated in online opportunities including webinars and virtual "brown bag" discussions. In 2013, I received the Region 8 professional advisor certificate of merit award. Finally, I will be presenting on technology at this year's Region 8 conference. On my campus, I am actively involved in the UO's All-Campus Advising Association and held elected positions on the executive, technology, and new advisor mentorship committees. Furthermore, I have similar experience serving on the Western Association of Prelaw Advisors board and the National Student Exchange council.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be deeply honored to serve the region if selected.