

The following text is from a September 16, 2008 “Special Edition” of Mapping Your Future’s E-Update:

All Schools need to update their links to Mapping Your Future immediately

Links to the counseling sessions and customized pages changed upon implementation of the new Mapping Your Future site design on March 28. **If your school has a link to an Online Student Loan Counseling (OSLC) session and/or a customized page that hasn’t been updated with new URLs, students will not arrive at their chosen destination.**

We strongly suggest you immediately ensure your links to OSLC sessions and customized pages have been updated. The **Online Student Loan Counseling (OSLC) URLs** are as follows:

- Stafford entrance
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/se>
- Stafford exit
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/sx>
- Spanish Stafford entrance
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/sse>
- Spanish Stafford exit
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/ssx>
- Perkins entrance
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/pe>
- Perkins exit
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/px>
- Stafford and Perkins combined entrance
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/spe>
- Stafford and Perkins combined exit
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/spx>
- Health Professions entrance
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/he>
- Health Professions exit
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/hx>
- Nursing entrance
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/ne>
- Nursing exit
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/nx>
- Grad PLUS entrance
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/gpe>
- Grad PLUS exit
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/gpx>
- Stafford and Grad PLUS combined entrance
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/sge>
- Stafford and Grad PLUS combined exit
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/sgx>
- TEACH Grant initial and subsequent
<http://mappingyourfuture.org/te>

These URLs are much simpler, making it easier to instruct students who need to complete OSLC.

Many schools create free customized counseling start pages at the beginning of each counseling session. These customized pages have unique URLs that take students directly to the counseling start page for their school, allowing them to skip the step of selecting the counseling type, school location, and school name.

All previous customized school page URLs followed this format:

<http://mapping-your-future.org/OSlcschoolPages/?SchoolPageID=XXXX&schoolid=XXXX>

Only the area denoted by red x's varies depending on the school and page. For example, the URL for the MYF Demo School for Stafford entrance counseling is:

<http://mapping-your-future.org/OSLCSchoolPages/?SchoolPageID=5890&SchoolID=90>.

Upon implementation of the redesign, part of each customized school page URL changed as follows:

<http://mappingyourfuture.org/oslc/counseling/schoolPages.cfm?SchoolPageID=xxxx&schoolid=xxxx>

Therefore, anyone linking to a customized school page URL needs to update that URL by replacing the content before the question mark with <http://mappingyourfuture.org/oslc/counseling/schoolPages.cfm>.

In our example of the URL for the MYF Demo School for Stafford entrance counseling, the URL would change from

<http://mapping-your-future.org/OSLCSchoolPages/?SchoolPageID=5890&SchoolID=90>

to

<http://mappingyourfuture.org/oslc/counseling/schoolPages.cfm?SchoolPageID=5890&SchoolID=90>

(where only the content in bold changes).

Schools can view the current URLs for customized pages in the FAO Access Area:

- 1) Mouse over the Customize tab and click on Counseling Start Page
- 2) View the URLs for pages "In Production" in the in the Pagemaster Studio area

More information on customized pages is located in the OSLC User's Guide at mappingyourfuture.org/oslc/usersguide.htm.

For questions about updating links and/or schools customized pages, contact the Mapping Your Future staff at feedback@mappingyourfuture.org.

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