Susie • The Information Gatherer

“I am following my plan to become a pharmacist.”

Goals
• Pick a major to prepare for Pharmacy school (Pre-health).
• Apply for Pharmacy school ‘on time’ – I have so many pre-requisites and have no time to waste.
• Get accepted to a Pharmacy school before graduation.

Frustrations & Pain points
• It’s stressful to manage all of my plans, including keeping track of my academic plan and coordinating non-academic pre-reqs to apply for Pharmacy school.
• I want to socialize with other students, but I feel like I have no time for it.
• Choosing courses is hard without the information I need; I want to know about instructors, coursework, and the syllabus because I don’t want to waste my time.
• Registration is hard; it’s tough to get into the classes I want. They are very popular and get filled quickly.

Who is Susie?
Susie is a focused, motivated UW sophomore. She is preparing to apply for biochemistry next quarter to eventually become a pharmacist like her aunt.

Deciding on Courses
• Has collected info sheets to compare each major’s core classes and graduation requirements
• Has extracted prerequisites from both majors as a guideline for registration
• Researches the classes she’s interested in through: Course Descriptions, Time Schedule, RateMyProfessor.com, asking upperclassmen and advisers
• Signs up for prerequisite courses and one general education requirements course
• Uses DARS to ensure her plan fulfills prerequisites for the application

Planning Anxiety & Tools
• Stressed from effort required to be on top of everything
• Doesn’t want to waste time organizing and planning
• Initially, overwhelmed by the information scattered across UW websites
• Uses Student Planner and a small organizer to manage her daily and weekly tasks
• Compiled website information into an academic plan file on laptop
• Wants to transition from paper to electronic planning because it doesn’t require tracking and is accessible anywhere

Deciding on a Major
• Went to a pre-health information session to prepare for Pharmacy school
• Met with advisors in biochemistry and biology
• Backup plan is to apply for biology (noncompetitive major) to study molecular biology
• If she doesn’t get into a Pharmacy school, she’s open to becoming a scientist

Skills & Knowledge
UW System Knowledge: ★★★★★
Computer Skills: ★★★★

Activities
Planning: ★★★★★
School Work: ★★★★★
Social Activities: ★★★★★