

Campus Solutions 9.0—Extending the Value of the PeopleSoft Solutions for Higher Education

“The PeopleSoft Campus solutions 9.0 release is a compelling suite of solutions for higher education that allows institutions the flexibility of setting up complex processes more efficiently and in ways that are better aligned to the needs and sensibilities of students. The new features and functionality included in this release offer institutions the ability to provide a higher level of service to constituents across the campus and beyond while reducing the need for costly customizations and training.”

Nicole Engelbert, Senior Analyst, Datamonitor

Customers' Comments

“I was impressed by the ambitious changes, which will be welcomed by our campuses. For example, Population Selection is so powerful that it will replace one of our existing modifications.”

Marlene Rosenfeld, California State University System

“I am very pleased with the number of major functionality enhancements that have been delivered in this release, providing a nice combination of flexibility and standardization that will allow us to eliminate some major customizations.”

Steve Grantham, Boise State University

Oracle's Campus Solutions 9.0 is a comprehensive software suite for higher education. The new release includes feature-rich student information and alumni and donor management systems that allow institutions to adapt to change without costly customizations, improve collaboration and access without increasing costs, and more efficiently connect information to action for increased user-empowerment.

PeopleSoft Campus Solutions 9.0—Protecting Your Investment

The PeopleSoft Campus Solutions 9.0 design was based on extensive customer feedback, industry best practices, analysts' research, and Oracle's own commitment to industry leadership. Oracle continues to work closely with a wide variety of types and sizes of colleges and universities, standards bodies, higher education associations, and education industry leaders to develop and deliver the most responsive and comprehensive student administration and alumni development systems available today. In addition, Campus Solutions 9.0 extends and evolves the value of your investment by introducing next-generation capabilities and providing clear, supported, customer-paced upgrade paths to future products without the fear or uncertainty of disruptive replacements of current product versions.

Adaptability: Meeting Unique Institution Needs Without Costly Customization

It is a new and challenging era for education. Higher education institutions face increased global competition to attract and retain students and student expectations for easier, more convenient, personalized access to information, self-service transactions and processes continue to accelerate. Campus Solutions 9.0 helps institutions meet and adapt to the changing needs and expectations of all their constituents by introducing several unique features not available from any other ERP software vendor to higher education. These include:

- Population Selection is a convenient feature that allows a user to dynamically identify and select individuals, groups, or organizations for an institution-identified action, process, or analysis. It is capable of handling complex criteria and multiple data sources.
- Self-service configuration provides options that allow the institution to reduce the need for customizations and enhance the experience for all an institution's constituents.

Customers' Comments

"We will be able to remove some of our customizations because now the functionality exists within the delivered product. We will save significant time by scheduling queries and posting awards from external sources. The population selection, external awards, and repackaging features will be a huge time saver for the Financial Aid Office."

Camille Mongelli, Boise State University

"Campus Solutions 9.0 is extremely user-friendly, which will speed up the learning curve for our staff and students. In addition, it will greatly reduce the need for expensive, time-intensive software customizations."

Robb Sapp, University of Maryland, University College

- Flexible financial aid re-packaging functionality means that institutions can more easily make changes to a student's award package without creating manual processes or customizations to accurately adjust and re-calculate a financial award package.

Insight: Connecting People and Information to Action

Institutions today are facing the complex and sometimes conflicting demands for more security around access to student data, while, at the same time, improving the user experience to access the information they need, when they need it. Campus Solutions 9.0 continues to enhance and improve rule- and role-based control, the user experience, and an institution's ability to effectively manage the critical student information process. These unique enhancements include:

- Superior self-service through the student center allows faculty, advisors and administrators to see what the student sees so immediate, appropriate action can be taken to complete a process or transaction.
- Enhanced user experience through improved navigation that intuitively organizes relevant information and provides links to guide the student through a process.
- Streamlined management of student financials and financial aid through enhanced student and administrator self-service to upload external awards, enroll in flexible payment plans, include and track miscellaneous fees, make miscellaneous purchases, and more.

Innovation: Better Design to Accomplish More at Lower Cost

As institutions scramble to adapt to changing needs and requirements, they often find themselves forced to adopt new manual processes, seek additional software solutions, or try to automate processes on their own by customizing their existing software solutions. All those options add cost and complexity. Campus Solutions 9.0 introduces several new design features that make it much easier—and less costly—for institutions to keep up with change while enhancing the user experience. Oracle plans to incrementally build on these design principles in future releases, which will continue to lower the total cost of ownership over time.

- Institutions can now develop their own unique transcripts, deliver customized communications to discrete individuals or groups, generate custom invoices, create unique reports, and develop other types of documents and forms using the new XML Publisher tool included in Campus Solutions 9.0.
- Pages, tabs, labels, display features, attributes, course catalog searches, different controls for different functional areas, and more configurations, can all be easily adapted and changed to meet your institutional needs and preferences through self-service configuration. What's more, these changes are preserved with each upgrade without needing to be reconfigured.
- The unique Enrollment Backpack feature provides students and advisors with a dynamic, collaborative way to better plan, manage, and achieve academic goals. Included are new 'what if' capabilities and enhanced usability in student self-service that provide the student with accurate and timely information for planning and enrollment. For institutions who choose not to implement the Academic Advisement module, they can deliver the Enrollment Backpack features to students through the optional Program Guide module.

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