



**NEW STUDENT
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THE NEW Student Information System project continues to move toward the anticipated "go-live" date of October 9, 2007. Currently, integration testing is underway. Integration testing is the most thorough set of testing to date and tests the system and all related systems as if they are fully integrated and fully operational. While the system is eventually intended to be available 24 hours a day for seven days a week, the first 60 days after implementation it will only be available from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Friday and Saturday if possible. After the first sixty days and through the end of the first year after implementation the system should be available from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm Monday through Friday, Saturday and Sunday if possible. This availability schedule will provide opportunities to trouble shoot and or update the system during the initial months after go-live should the need arise.



- May**— • Initial project planning ✓
- July**— • College planning ✓
- October**— • Install Oracle/PeopleSoft Version 8.9 ✓
- December**— • System testing ✓

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- February**— • System testing continued ✓
- March/April**— • Data conversion validation ✓
- May**— • Train the Trainer begins ✓
- June**— • Migrate to Oracle environment ✓
- July**— • Functional user training ✓
• Integration testing ✓
- August**— • Faculty and staff training (hand icon)
- September**— • Pre-deployment
• Deployment
• End user training
- October**— • Go-live October 9th

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Training Opportunities Coming Your Way

Key functional “super users” attended Train-the-Trainer sessions in June and July and are now delivering training to key GCC employees in Admissions and Records and Advisement who rely on the student information system to assist students nearly every minute of every day. This early training will expand to other departments until go-live and beyond.

The following is an overview of the training opportunities coming soon:

- August 6–10: Department Chairs and Secretaries
- August 13–17: 14 introductory demonstrations including general navigation
- September 10–October 24: Faculty, Administration, Client Support Services, Cashier and Ancillary departments training opportunities
- October–December: Financial Aid, and continuing Faculty and Staff training opportunities

Please be sure to check the Training and Employee Development (TED) training calendar here: <http://www.gc.maricopa.edu/ted/> for specific days and times for all training related to the new student system. Also, quick reference guides will soon be available on the web.



You're Invited: Introductory Demonstrations August 13 through 17

As noted in the training opportunities above, GCC will be hosting 14 introductory demonstrations August 13, through August 17, that will preview features and general navigation of the new student system. We hope you will take the opportunity to attend one of these informative sessions. For specific times and locations please refer to the TED website: <http://www.gc.maricopa.edu/ted/>.

Quick Response Team

Plans are already being made to provide support to students, faculty, and staff with tasks such as finding out how to access the new student system as well as how to apply for financial aid or how to obtain a class roster once in the system. GCC will have a Quick response Team made up of functional and technical experts

that will be available from the moment we go-live on October 8, through January of 2008. Planned hours of support are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am–8:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 am–5:00 p.m. for the initial go-live phase. The planned hours of support are expected to expand to include Saturday from 8:00 am–12:00 p.m. as we progress through implementation. More detailed information, including a contact number, frequently asked questions, and quick start guides will be communicated to the college as we get closer to go-live.

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Student Self Service

Given the increased student self service functionality of the new system, a greater emphasis will be placed on students accessing and utilizing these new features across Maricopa Colleges. As a result, students will be encouraged to apply and register online. All students will need to obtain their class schedule and tuition invoice online through the system. Also, a new feature of the system, automated prerequisite checking, will ensure that students have met prerequisites for courses that require them before they are allowed to enroll in those courses. This change will place a greater emphasis on students submitting transcripts for courses taken at other colleges to be evaluated for prerequisite purposes. These changes, along with directions, will be thoroughly communicated to students throughout the Fall 2007 semester.

Faculty Self Service

Similar to the increased self service functionality for students, Faculty will also see an increase in self service. For example, faculty will utilize the new student system to obtain class rosters and teaching schedules online, as well as to grade. Good news for Blackboard users—if you currently grade in Blackboard, these grades will automatically post to the new student system. You will no longer need to enter grades in two systems!

GCC Planning and Project Status

The college master project plan and a project status dashboard are available on the web at: <http://www.gc.maricopa.edu/nss/>.