

STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPT EXCHANGE SET FOR SPRING LAUNCH

This spring a project sponsored by the California Community Colleges (CCC) System Office will begin providing electronic transcript exchange services. Having a Web-based system that enables electronic request, response and transcript exchanges between the CCC and its educational partners is a significant accomplishment and well ahead of what most other states provide.

The CCC Electronic Transcript Project, also known as CCCTran, provides an electronic transcript system that allows flexible and secure transcript exchange between the CCC system and its trading partners. The centralized service will provide request, fulfillment and delivery processing, individually or in batch, manually or automated, with a high degree of local control over each aspect of the transaction.

Community colleges will be able to upload transcripts to the exchange using a structured text file. CCCTran will then present transcripts in HTML or for printing in Adobe Acrobat format (PDF). The system will also provide electronic transcript files in XML or EDI.

Colleges will have the option to automatically provide status updates to students via e-mail at selected stages of the transcript process. Transcripts can also be retained in a college's account for a locally defined period, making them accessible to college counselors that have been given access to the system. The standard transcript will include data that can be used by California State University (CSU) and University of California to satisfy their general education completion requirements.

Following the spring introduction of CCCTran, Web demonstrations and conference presentations are planned to provide product information. Offering CCCTran to the system at large represents years of collaborative planning, design, development and testing phases between the CCC, CSU and Xap Corporation.

The CCC project team consists of Information Technology and Admissions & Records professionals from each of seven pilot colleges, CCC Chancellor's Office staff, and Xap representatives. The seven pilot colleges are Crafton Hills, Cypress, El Camino, San Jose City, LA Pierce, Sacramento City and Santa Rosa.

Representatives from six pilot CSU campuses are also working in tandem with the community college team to prepare the university system for receipt of CCC transcripts. The six pilot CSU campuses are Sacramento, Fullerton, Northridge, San Diego, San Jose and San Francisco.

The project chose Xap Corporation as the service provider for the centralized transcript exchange. Xap is also the service provider for the highly successful California Community College Electronic Application System, also known as CCCApply, as well as CaliforniaColleges.edu and the CSU Mentor systems. More information about Xap is available at www.xap.com.

After CCCTran has been offered to the colleges initially, the project team will continue to work on enhancing electronic transcript services. For example, the team is working with California School Information Services and California Department of Education to expand CCCTran to include high school transcripts. The expanded service is supported by a federal grant and expected to be available late 2008.

The per-college cost for CCCTran is minimal. The annual license fee per community college for 2006-07 is \$5,000. Multi-college and small college discounts are available. There is an additional \$5,000 installation fee, however colleges currently using CCCApply, or installing CCCApply concurrently, have the fee waived. Colleges interested in licensing CCCTran are encouraged to contact Romy Teh, at romy@xap.com, for more information.

The CCC System Office Technology, Research and Information Systems Division funds CCCTran. For more information about CCCTran contact Lenny Robison, Project Manager, at lenny.robison@sbcglobal.net, or visit the project Web site: www.CCCNext.Net/CCCTran.