Datatel Colleague Student e-Advising Suite

The Colleague Student e-Advising suite provides institutions—including advising offices and faculty advisors—with the ability to monitor students’ curriculum progress throughout their education. Student e-Advising solutions mix different styles of advising modes to fully meet traditional as well as non-traditional advising needs, allowing institutions to better tailor and serve their students.

The e-Advising suite:

- Provides tools that allow for varying advising needs and approaches, depending on programs
- Provides for the traditional one-on-one advising format, impromptu advising sessions, complete online self-advising, or a combination of all three techniques
- Enables the retention of students through the use of advanced online services
- Monitors students’ curriculum progress throughout their education
- Allows advisors to seamlessly exchange information regarding students, course offerings, and registration guidelines
- Eliminates the need for manual record sharing between offices
- Retains the history of all advising sessions
- Facilitates advisor and student collaboration to develop strong, personalized programs for the successful completion of a degree or program
- Allows for the accurate forecast of course demand and, consequently, the allocation of the appropriate resources
- Provides advisors with a comprehensive look at students’ academic programs and tracks their advancement toward graduation
- Gives advisors and students the ability to perform “what-if” analyses to explore alternative degree options
- Enables advisors to easily access advisee information and quickly drill down to view all the details on the student’s academic records, including transcripts, program evaluations, schedules, and test scores

The e-Advising suite is made up of the following components:

- My Advisees—supports the more traditional advising style of face-to-face student meetings with an assigned advisor and facilitates an assigned advisor’s view of advisee data to simplify advising sessions. Advisors can easily access their complete list of assigned students online and quickly drill down to view all the details of the students’ academic records including: transcripts, program evaluations, schedules, and test scores.

Datatel Announcements

Colleague Student client communities

Datatel publishes "client communities" on our Web site to provide clients with timely, focused information, including industry news, product updates, professional services offerings, and more. We encourage you to subscribe to any or all of the Datatel client communities, including the Colleague Student-specific Enrollment Management community at www.datatel.com/SEM_Community and Continuing Education community at www.datatel.com/CE_Community.

2006/2007 Datatel Software and Services Delivery Schedule

To help clients plan for upcoming Datatel product and services deliveries, we are pleased to provide the confirmed schedule of software and service deliveries for Q1 and Q2 of 2006, along with a tentative schedule for the second half of 2006 and a glance at future planned deliveries. Subsequent quarters will be published on a rolling basis every quarter. The schedule is in spreadsheet format with full Excel search and sort capability.

New Student Product Manager steers SEM direction

Datatel would like to introduce you to Dr. Susan Hallenbeck, the manager of the Student Product Marketing Team. Susan brings more than 20 years of enrollment and admissions experience in higher education. Visit www.datatel.com/SEM_Community for more information on Susan and Datatel’s SEM plans.

Captivate your audience

With ActiveCampus you can transform your Web site into a personalized and engaging e-recruitment tool, driving prospective students through the complete enrollment process. Visit www.datatel.com/SEM_Community for more information or contact your Datatel representative.
Datatel delivers software updates for Waitlisting and Web Registration

Enhancements include the addition of waitlisting for sections, enforcement of all registration rules prior to placement on the waitlist as well as registration, course/section availability monitoring, student notification, and the ability to drop and add courses in the same registration transaction, among other benefits. See "Waitlist and Web Registration" at www.datatel.com/SEM_Community for more information.

New Services Offerings

Datatel offers e-Advising services

Datatel Professional Services for e-Advising compose a series of four Webinars, a train-the-trainer workshop, and consulting. The training and consulting services will educate you on the software and help with the planning of your implementation. For more information visit www.datatel.com/SEM_Community or contact Services@datatel.com.

Datatel offers Continuing Education (CE) Solution Package

Datatel’s Professional Services team can help maximize the integration between Colleague and your CE programs. We offer the optional WebAdvisor workflow, Instant Enrollment, and specialized business process and application consulting and training on Colleague in support of CE programs. For more information, visit www.datatel.com/CE_Community.

Regulatory and Industry News

Adult Education Blog

A blog to foster community among adult students has been launched by Educational Directories Unlimited, Inc. (www.EducationforAdults.com). Usage of the blog site, http://blog.EducationforAdults.com, is intended for adult learners to share information related to going back to school and could prove to be a valuable resource to Continuing Education professionals looking for insight into the minds of adult learners.

- Student Course Planning and Smart Registration—are designed to facilitate the communication between advisor and advisee and simplify the registration process. Student Course Planning allows students to craft their course plans for upcoming terms. The plan is pre-populated with courses using Colleague Student Curriculum Tracks based on the student assigned program, which strengthens the student’s initial plan. The Student Course Plan is then sent to the advisor (via the Student Education Plan) allowing for advisor feedback, comments, and approvals. Enhancements to the registration process, known as Smart Registration, allow student registration driven by the Student Course Plan or by the Degree Audit Program Evaluations.

- Student Education Planning—is designed for advisors to approve and document student’s course plans for the upcoming term or terms. Advisors review educational plans online, detailing each student’s course requirements needed to complete a degree, and allowing students the convenience of accessing their plans 24x7 via WebAdvisor. Registration can be limited to the approved educational plan, if so desired, through the use of Registration Rules. Progress is mapped for each student’s course requirements enabling institutions to more accurately forecast course demand, allocate appropriate resources, and more efficiently use those resources.

The one-time license fee is $20,500 for the e-Advising suite, inclusive of all software components (Student Course Planning, Smart Registration, Student Education Plans, and My Advisees). ESSA is $3,200 and would be prorated the first year. If My Advisees and/or Student Education Plans have already been licensed, the license fee(s) paid for the software will be credited from the license fee for e-Advising. Likewise, ESSA will be adjusted downward in consideration of the ESSA on the licensed My Advisees and/or Student Education Plans.

The e-Advising license fee includes 10 hours of Datatel consulting services to help in the planning of your implementation. Other training and consulting services are available and are detailed below.

Professional Training Services

- e-Advising Series (Webinars)

  Gain a comprehensive understanding of all four software components in e-Advising (My Advisees, Student Educational Planning, Student Course Planning, and Smart Registration) and learn about new features and integration possibilities.

  ◊ Part 1: e-Advising Overview

  Understand how My Advisees, Student Educational Planning, Student Course Planning, and Smart Registration seamlessly work together. This overview provides high-level information on the integration between the e-Advising components as well as other software such as Colleague Student Degree Audit. Attendees will become familiar with the functionality of the e-Advising solution and observe possible workflows for students and advisors.

  ◊ Part 2: Degree Audit Enhancements

  Learn about the new features and changes to Degree Audit and understand how to incorporate these enhancements with the e-Advising solution to provide students and advisors with more ownership of the planning process. Topics include program evaluations, parameters, and writing rules against the COURSES file. In addition, technical information on the changes to the files and data elements is covered, as well as best practice recommendations for setting up an effective Degree Audit plan.
Part 3: e-Advising: The Advisor’s Potential
Get a complete understanding of the workflow and capabilities an advisor has with Student Educational Planning and Student Course Planning. This session reviews the features and functions an advisor will be able to utilize, such as creating academic program worksheets, searching for courses, evaluating program progress, and sending communications. Details on the parameter screens and set-up requirements are addressed with regard to the advisor workflow options.

Part 4: e-Advising: The Student’s Potential
Understand workflow options a student has with Student Course Planning and Smart Registration. Learn about the features and tasks a student can accomplish such as modifying the course planning worksheets, reviewing advisor approved courses, running “what-if” evaluations, e-mailing advisors, and registering for course sections. Information on the parameters and set-up requirements are also be covered.

- e-Advising Rollout - Training the Trainer Workshop (Coming Soon)
Develop a strategy to roll out your e-Advising solution to your end-users. Construct training materials for advisors and students based on sample tutorials and project plan templates provided in the workshop. Also, take the opportunity to share your success stories and challenges, based on your experiences educating end-users.

Professional Consulting Services for e-Advising

- Degree Audit Discovery for e-Advising
Improve Degree Audit setup and usage with expert recommendations from a Datatel Professional Services Team consultant. Understand Degree Audit best practices and readiness requirements for a successful e-Advising implementation.

- e-Advising Implementation Planning
Develop an implementation strategy and project plan for your institution’s e-Advising solution. Define the level of effort and timeframe needed for your specific implementation.

- e-Advising Consulting
Achieve institutional goals, address workflow questions, and accomplish optimal setup for your e-Advising solution. Work with Datatel consultants and receive best practice recommendations for specific questions, prioritize outstanding issues, determine “live” readiness, and develop test plans.

For more information on the Colleague Student e-Advising Suite, contact your Datatel representative at ClientSales@datatel.com or contact your Business Advisor at BusinessAdvisoryServices@datatel.com to discuss specific training and consulting needs.

Pricing is in U.S. dollars and is in effect as of this publication; the Datatel Annual License and/or ESSA fees presented are for the 2006/2007 ESSA year. Consultant travel and living expenses are additional and will be invoiced as incurred.