

EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ctcLink Cliffs Notes

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CHANCE₄CHANGE

Positive Attitude is a critical component in the process of change. Below are a few key points that highlight the importance of having a positive attitude.

In the past, we were informed that the brain is evolving until we are 9 - 10 years old, and from that moment until the end of life is a downhill process. Today, extensive research shows us that the brain is changing all the time, and throughout our life, our brain produces new connections - this is called neuroplasticity. This means that we can rewire our brain throughout our life. Therefore, when we want to make a change, we have the system to do it; the only condition is that we want to do it. And this is where positive attitude comes in.

For the brain to be able to develop new connections and evolve, it needs food and not just glucose. The three key elements that will boost neuroplasticity are: participating in new experiences; gaining new knowledge; and physical activity.

Being positive is to say, 'Yes, I will try' or 'Whatever is not working, I will find a way'. Positive attitude will feed the brain and help create the new connections.

Let's be positive here at EDCC!

Have questions, comments, suggestions? Contact the ctcLink Project Team: ctclinkedmonds@edcc.edu OR

Visit our project site:
<https://employees.edcc.edu/technology/ctclinkproject/>

SME SPOTLIGHT

MiChelle Thorsen
Director of Financial Aid

Q: When did you become a Triton and what was your job / title then?

MT: 1996; Workstudy Student in Financial Aid

Q: Tell us about some favorites of yours:

MT: hobbies - photography, puzzles, legos, and crafts
ice cream flavor - banana cream pie
pizza topping - Canadian bacon and pineapple
color - blue (Go Hawks!) or red
book - *Where the Crawdads Sing*,
by Delia Owens

Q: Can you tell us a fun fact about yourself?

MT: I have 16 nieces and nephews & 3 greats.

Q: What inanimate object best represents you and why?

MT: A bridge, because I like to help people get to the other side and continue down their path.

Q: Finish the sentence: 'I cannot wait for ctcLink because...'

MT: ...it's going to be awesome!

MiChelle has attended **four** ctcLink Common Process Workshops as an Edmonds Community College representative. While driving to each workshop, she enjoys listening to audio books. Way to go, MiChelle!



*"We're going to be successful
in getting this [ctcLink] done."
- Eva Smith, Executive Director of IT &
E-Learning*

*"...OR DIE TRYING!"
- Beth Farley, Project Analyst, IT*

UPCOMING

February 20, 2019
- ISS Div. ctcLink Update

March 1, 2019
- Business Div. ctcLink Update

March 5, 2019
- ctcLink all day drop-in event / TRC

March 11-12, 2019
- SF - Cashiering Common Process
Workshop @ South Puget Sound CC

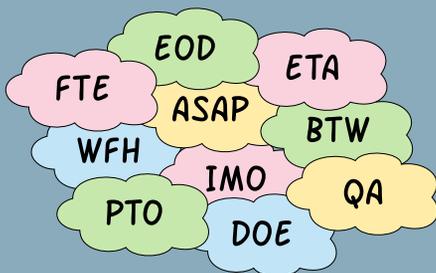
HIGHLIGHTS



Project & System Acronyms

Ever feel like your colleagues are speaking to you in a different language? We have rounded up abbreviations for the most commonly used terms that you're likely to run into with ctLink:

- CPW - Common Process Workshop
- QRG - Quick Reference Guide
- SME - Subject Matter Expert
- CS - Campus Solutions
- HCM - Human Capital Management
- FIN - Finance
- PS - PeopleSoft
- DG# - Deployment Group (EDCC is DG4)
- 3C's - Comments, Checklists, Communication
- GDA - Global Design Adoption
- BPGF - Business Process Fit Gap
- SF - Student Financials
- TBD - To Be Decided

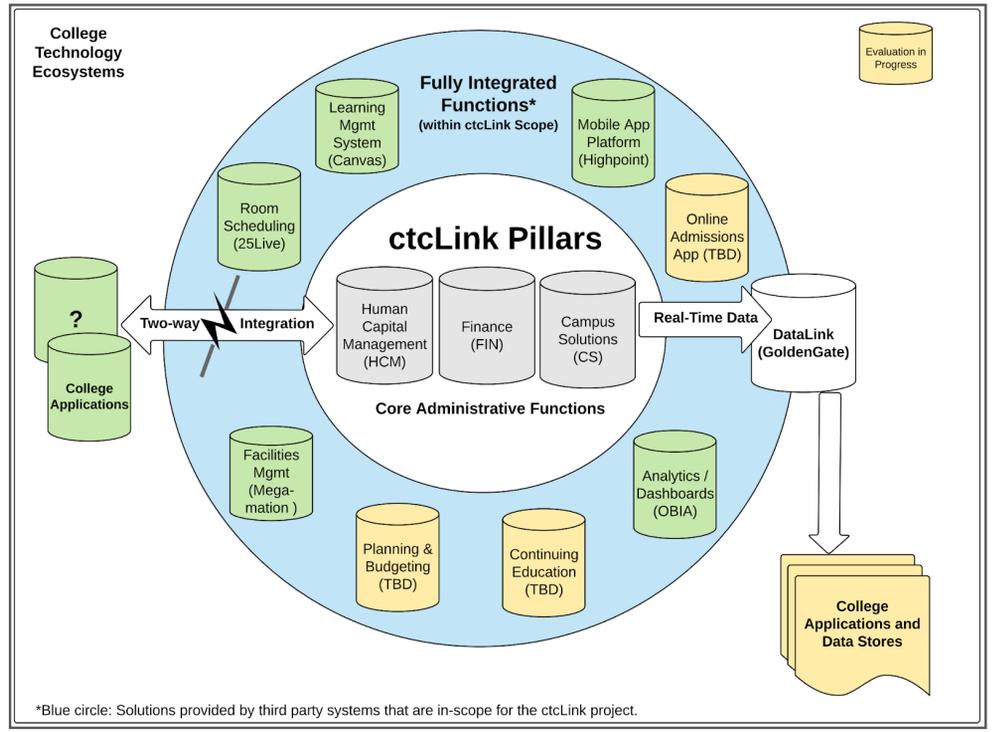


PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

What's **in scope** for the ctLink project? The core administrative functions of ctLink exist within three interconnected pillars: Human Capital Management (HCM), Finance (FIN) and Campus Solutions (CS). Other programs deemed necessary for college operations will supplement these core functions and will be fully integrated with ctLink: 25Live, Canvas, Online Admissions Application, Analytics/Dashboards, CampusCE, Megamations and a Planning and Budgeting tool.

All faculty, staff and students will be impacted to some degree by the change to the new system. For some individuals, the impact will be minor and for others, it will change the bulk of their daily work processes.

Everyone who is not already in the ctLink system will receive a new account, which will require activation and will involve a new ID and password. At the same time, faculty, staff and students will continue to use their current EDCC network username and password to access all campus-based resources, including Canvas, student and employee email, desktop computers in labs and offices, and print services.



PEOPLESPEAK

Much of the terminology from CEI+ will be updated in PeopleSoft to something our Project Team refers to as PEOPLESPEAK. This section will highlight a few key words each month.

3C's - Comments, Communications, and Checklists. 3C's are different ways to communicate with students in the ctLink system.

End-User - The people who will use ctLink to do their jobs.

FirstLink School - Spokane District and Tacoma who volunteered to be pilot schools and test the new ctLink system.

Query - A limited-access reporting tool that allows a user to create simple ad-hoc reports.

Remediation - Project issues are identified and any issues that are critical or urgent are addressed. The FirstLink schools are currently in remediation.