



## University of Central Florida Migrates from State System to PeopleSoft Financials 8.4

### BACKGROUND

The University of Central Florida (UCF) is the nation's second-largest university and one of 12 colleges located in Orlando, Florida. Formerly named Florida Technological University, UCF is located 13 miles east of downtown Orlando and enrolls 58,000 students in its undergraduate and graduate programs.

### CHALLENGES

When the Florida Governor disbanded the University Board of Regents, all public universities in Florida were no longer considered State agencies: they had until July 1, 2004 to be off of the state financial system and until January 1, 2005 to begin doing their own payroll.

### SOLUTION

Under legislative mandate to migrate off of the State accounting system, UCF wanted to complete this major transformation with agility and broad-based campus buy-in. With Sierra-Cedar as the implementation provider, UCF initiated the Financials implementation project on June 3, 2002. Throughout the project, Sierra-Cedar conducted quarterly QA reviews of the project that helped to uncover potential issues long before they became a problem. UCF had implemented Student Administration and HRMS in an earlier project and used Payroll for functions such as student refunds. With the implementation of Financials, this function was moved to Accounts Payable and a new streamlined process was developed to ensure fast, accurate student refunds.

### RESULTS/BENEFITS

On July 1, 2003, UCF went live on PeopleSoft Financials 8.4. The first student refund and travel advance checks were processed through AP and printed without a hitch. The project has been heralded as a huge success throughout the UCF administrative team.



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<b>Industry</b>	Higher Education
<b>Services</b>	Implementation
<b>Application &amp; Modules</b>	<b>PeopleSoft Financials 8.4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Ledger</li> <li>• Accounts Payable</li> <li>• Purchasing &amp; Asset Management</li> </ul>
<b>Client Since</b>	2002

*We accomplished a successful implementation in large part due to the Sierra-Cedar consultants' thorough knowledge of higher education business practices and the PeopleSoft Financials application. We developed the proficiency of our own personnel through the collaborative nature of our partnership with Sierra-Cedar throughout the project. This knowledge transfer will ensure our long-term success. Sierra-Cedar consultants carefully monitored their time and progress to ensure the project remained on time and under budget.*

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