

AMA Education System Implements and Integrates PeopleSoft Campus Solutions for Future Growth

BACKGROUND

AMA University is the first ICT University in the Philippines and in Asia. The University serves as the flagship brand of the AMA Education System (AMAES). AMA University and its member school, AMA College (AMACC), were founded by Dr. Amable R. Aguiluz V, who named both schools with the initials of his father's name, Amable Mendoza Aguiluz. AMA was the first institution in the country to offer computer education.

Aguiluz founded the AMA Institute of Computer Studies with the first computer school located along Shaw Boulevard on October 20, 1980. At that time, AMA Institute of Computer Studies offered only short-term courses in Electronic Data Processing Fundamentals, Basic Programming, and Technology Career.

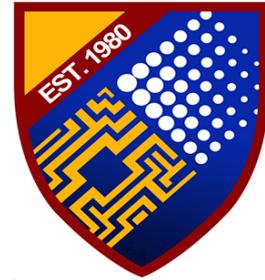
AMAES is made up of more than 130 schools in the Philippines, Hong Kong, Bahrain, Iraq, Indonesia, Macau, Nigeria, Oman, and Jeddah. AMAES offers seven careers (Basic Education, Diploma, Graduate Diploma, Undergraduate, graduate, Modular, and Short Courses), around 525 programs for all the institutions, and almost 100 bachelor's degrees across all careers, five master's degrees, and two doctoral degrees in IT, Business Administration, and Medicine fields

CHALLENGES

AMAES recognized the importance of re-implementing its ERP applications to take advantage of various capabilities available in more current versions of the PeopleSoft CS applications. One of the major challenges was to bring all AMA-owned colleges and affiliated colleges under one system where proper rules could be defined and followed. In addition, the current system was capturing student data in multiple systems, making it difficult to consolidate all the data. There were complex rules for calculating tuition fees for the students, and some of the calculations were being handled manually.

SOLUTION

Sierra-Cedar India, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sierra Cedar, Inc., conducted know-how sessions on PeopleSoft Campus Solutions to AMAES staff across various departments to help them understand the features of the product. Our team then assisted the AMAES project team in finalizing a detailed Project Charter that established clear objectives for the project and set guiding principles for the University's implementation approach. One of these principles was that modifications to the base system would be held to a minimum, because it was assumed that best practices had already been built into the functionality of the PeopleSoft Campus Solutions software. The project team planned to implement Campus Solutions for multiple campuses spread across various geographical locations.



Industry	Higher Education
Services	Re-implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Management • User Workshops • Fit/Gap Analysis • Functional & Technical Consulting • Custom Development
Schedule	June 2015 to Feb 2016
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Project Manager • 5 Functional Consultants • 2 Technical Consultants
Software	Oracle PeopleSoft
Application & Modules	Campus Solutions 9.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Community • Recruiting and Admissions • Student Records • Student Financials • Academic Advisement • Student and Faculty Self Service
Client Since	2015

Sierra-Cedar India worked with the project team to create a comprehensive project work plan at the project's inception that was used throughout the project to resolve competing timelines and schedules, identify key milestones and anticipate stress points that could affect the attainment of these milestones, and assign the exact resources needed to keep the implementation on schedule. Campus Solutions was implemented for multiple campuses spread across various geographical locations.

Student data has been converted from multiple legacy systems into PeopleSoft. The complexity of the fee calculation was handled by using the advanced features of the delivered product. Reporting has become much simpler and a single platform has been established to streamline data consolidation for all owned and affiliated colleges.

RESULTS AND BENEFITS

The AMAES completed this implementation project on schedule. A base has been established to bring in all the owned and affiliated colleges into one single system. Campus Solutions has become more user friendly. With this implementation AMAES has achieved its objective: "To provide the University community with an efficient and effective student information system that supports the University's mission, integrates with existing systems, and adapts to growth and change."

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