



Gaston College

DATATEL TERMINOLOGY

OVERVIEW	Datatel's system has added new terminology to the Gaston College community. Below is a list of terms and definitions to help our users.
LIST OF TERMS	
ACADEMIC HIERARCHY	Multiple components used to define an Institution, such as divisions, schools, and departments for reporting.
APPLICATION	There are five main applications to Colleague that are broken out into modules for the departments to do maintenance, inquiries, processing, and reporting. Those applications are (CF) Financial System, (ST) Student System, (HR) Human Resources, (CORE) Core System, and (UT) Utility Master.
CLIENT	The Software used to access Colleague after a user account has been established. A direct login to Colleague from the desktop can be made using the U.I. (user interface) software.
COLLEAGUE	Integrated software (owned by the company Datatel) that links data between departments for the sharing of unique pieces of data (i.e., general ledger, course information, student information, admissions information, etc.) For comparison purposes, you can relate this to our legacy system, IIPS.
CONVERSION	A change in hardware or software, The conversion process modifies the last version of the software and updates it with the latest release. The conversion is required to implement the format changes needed for the new software. There is also 'data conversion' – taking our current IIPS data and converting it to Colleague for use in the new software.
DATATEL	The name of the company that owns the “ <i>Colleague</i> ” software.

MNEMONICS	<p>An abbreviation designed to help the user remember the menu or process for which it stands. Each mnemonic will either run a process or take the user to another menu. For example, SPRO is entered for “<i>Student Profile</i>”.</p>
MODULES	<p>There are several modules within each of the applications that help departments with maintenance, inquiries, processing, and reporting.</p> <p>The modules within the current CF (Colleague Financial) application are:</p> <p>(AP) Accounts Payable (BU) Budgets (GL) General Ledger (CC) Communications Mgt. (BR) Budget Report (PI) Pooled Investments (PP) Physical Plant (PA) Projects Accounting (FX) Fixed Assets (IN) Inventory (PU) Purchasing (XCFM) Custom Fin. System</p> <p>The modules within the current Student (ST) application are:</p> <p>(AM) Admissions (CO) Campus Organizations (RG) Registrar/Records (CU) Curriculum Mgt. (AR) Accounts Receivable (CR) Cash Receipts (DA) Degree Audit (FRP) Federal Reporting (FA) Financial Aid (SRS) State/Provincial (AC) Academic Records Reporting (DM) Person Demographics (CC) Communications Mgt. (FI) Faculty Information (FO) Forms (XSTM) Custom Student System</p> <p>The modules within the current Human Resource (HR) application are:</p> <p>(PE) Personnel (PR) Payroll (PC) Position Budgeting (ER) Employee Labor Relations (HD) Human Resource Data Marts (CC) Communications Mgt. (XHRM) Custom Human Resources</p> <p>Some modules within the current CORE application are:</p> <p>(CC) Communications Mgt. (FP) Facilities Profile (DM) Demographics (SC) Scheduling (PD) Core Parameter Definition</p>

PARAMETERS	Colleague variables that are set to one of a number of valid values. They can be referred to as flags or switches. These parameters determine such things as levels of access allowed for the user, printer options for each user, etc. These factors are determined at the time the user account is built.
DATABASE	<p>There are two databases: COLLIVE and COLTEST</p> <p>The Colleague Live “COLLIVE” database is real Gaston College data that will be accessed on a daily basis by the end users. Access is given only on approval basis.</p> <p>The Colleague Test “COLTEST” database is used by the module functional leads. This is real production “<i>sample</i>” data so that leads can test out the applications and modules before using it in “<i>production</i>”. This will be a continuously used database for all future ‘testing’ of data/codes with each new update/release of the Colleague software.</p>
QUERY	A term used to create reports easily by just typing a few commands and words on a line so that a user can see information that has been entered into a database. This query is done through a program called “ Query Builder ”. A third-party package, report generator, has not been purchased at this time.
THIRD-PARTY SOFTWARE	Additional software purchased outside of Colleague that will provide Gaston College the ability to optimize everyday operations.