

## Upcoming CCCApply Release 6.3.0 - Pilot Preview Begins November 20

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# CCCApply System Alert

## Upcoming CCCApply Release 6.3.0 Pilot Release - November 20

Pilot Release - Nov. 20 | Production Release Dec. 7



CCCApply has scheduled one final production release for 2018 on Friday, December 7, and will deploy the changes to the Pilot environment on Tuesday, November 20, beginning at 9:00 am, PST.

Compared to previous releases, this release is relatively small, featuring one important feature enhancement to the race & ethnicity sections in the Standard and International applications, and an upgrade to the user-interface styles across OpenCCC and the CCCApply applications. We will also be deploying the 2019-2020 CC Promise Grant Application, which will be enabled in the application menu on January 1, 2019. These, and two bug fixes are slated to release to production on Friday, December 7, at 6:00 pm, PST.

See the [Release 6.3.0 Summary Notes](#).

### Release Timeline

- Pilot Application Release: Tuesday, November 20 - 9:00 am, PST
- Production Release: Friday, December 7 - 6:00 pm, PST

# What's In This Release?

- **CCCApply 6.3.0 Release**
  - New Race & Ethnicity Implementation 2018 [Learn More](#)
  - User Interface Upgrades to OpenCCC and CCCApply
  - 2019-2020 CC Promise Grant Application

Click here to see the [Release 6.3.0 Notes](#).

For more information, please contact CCCApply Product Manager, Patty Donohue, at [pdonohue@ccctechcenter.org](mailto:pdonohue@ccctechcenter.org).

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## Background Information **Ethnicity-Ancestry Expansion Project**

The Student Equity Planning work of the past several years and the Chancellor's *Vision for Success* have resulted in a systemwide focus on closing equity gaps. Historical MIS data sets, however, do not include all ethnic groups that are relevant for the diverse and distinct communities served by the 115 California community colleges.



Situations where locally important groups cannot readily be included in equity planning led a diverse set of community college stakeholders to convene a workgroup focused on development of a proposal to expand the ethnicity group data. While the number of ethnicity categories would be expanded, the data would still be collected via CCCApply and included in the statewide MIS.

Read the full background information here: [Ethnicity-Ancestry Expansion Proposal](#).

## **How are these changes being implemented in CCCApply?**

The Race & Ethnicity Implementation 2018 will expand the number of ethnicity and ancestry categories being collected on incoming students in CCCApply to include more ethnic groups that are relevant for the diverse and distinct communities served by the 115 California community colleges.

The extent of the changes to the current Race & Ethnicity section includes: front-end user-interface changes to the layout and format, one new race group category, and 194 new ethnicity subcategories that will display only when the user selects one of the six high-level race groups. The user will still be allowed to select all or none of the checkbox responses across any of the race groups or subcategories.

However, on top of all the changes to the front-end display, it was critical that we not change any of the existing data fields currently used in the Race & Ethnicity section. All three data fields in the current implementation are used for MIS reporting (SB29) and these field outputs have not changed. All new race and ethnicity values added in this new implementation will 1) map to the existing data field formats, and 2) are

available to download in a new field only (Race Ethnicity Full), which is optional at this time and colleges do not need to add this to their downloads or their SIS systems.

## What do colleges need to do to prepare for these changes?

Nothing! The new user-interface layout is streamlined and simple, and takes up less real estate on the Demographic Information page than the current format. All back-end database and format changes are seamlessly backward-compatible and colleges are not required to make any changes to their downloads or their student information systems. All the new race groups and ethnicity values are stored in a new database field called "Race Ethnicity Full," which will string all combined responses in a CSV delimited format.

Colleges that want to add this field to their downloads are welcome (encouraged) to do so by following the step-by-step checklist, [UAT: Race & Ethnicity Implementation 2018](#).

NOTE: The new Race & Ethnicity values included in this release will be passed directly to colleges using the Glue for Apply feature. However, the new Race & Ethnicity field is not yet available through Glue for Apply at this time. An upcoming release of the SuperGlue College Adaptor will include this new data.

## College Testing, Training & Support

Our primary objective for the Race & Ethnicity implementation is to impose no impact on the colleges, including adding the new, optional data field to your downloads if you are not prepared to import the data.

Colleges that want to add this field to their downloads are welcome (encouraged) to do so by following the step-by-step checklist [UAT: Race & Ethnicity Implementation 2018](#).

To read more about the research behind this implementation, please see: [Ethnicity-Ancestry Expansion Proposal](#).

To see the detailed change specifications, see the approved change request: [2018-18R: New Race & Ethnicity Implementation 2018](#).

For user testing and implementation, see [UAT: Race & Ethnicity Implementation 2018](#).

We encourage colleges to post feedback and other concerns on the [CCCApply category page](#) in the CCC Support Site ([CCCTechnology.info](#)) so we can expedite bugs and other issues to the development team.

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Sincerely,

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Just want to make sure you guys saw the comm email that went out finally yesterday afternoon.

Roberto - we didn't talk about it specifically but I am assuming you posted something on the Support Site?

I will double check now and let me know how I can help.

Patty

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