

Blackboard Consulting Migration Planning Service



Successful deployment of enterprise solutions requires extensive planning and disciplined execution. Blackboard Transact Consulting's Migration Planning Service (MPS) is the first step to ensuring successful deployment of the Blackboard Transact™ platform.

As research from Gartner has demonstrated, perhaps the most critical criterion in achieving a successful enterprise deployment is change management. To that end, MPS provides a major focus on developing a strategy and plan to manage campus change including identification of major constituent groups (on and off-campus), cross-departmental dependencies, related outreach and communications, and finally training and professional development.

This service also focuses on risk mitigation by evaluating and documenting the processes, procedures, and infrastructure of your current deployment. This engagement includes detailing any custom scripting or interfaces that must be addressed when migrating platforms. The result is a detailed migration plan, identifying all critical work streams and resourcing necessary to ensure a successful migration.

Delivering Results:

With extensive knowledge of the Blackboard Transact™ platform, and experience from countless implementations, Blackboard Consulting offers a wide variety of strategic planning, implementation, and customization services designed to ensure your deployment of Blackboard Transact technology is successful.

Blackboard Migration Planning:

- Ensures a smooth and disciplined migration process,
- Facilitates stakeholder acceptance and adoption,
- Mitigates risks, and
- Maximizes value to the institution.

Specific engagement phases and outcomes include the following:

Business Planning

- Business process review and documentation.
- Catalog of system customizations.
- Catalog of system integrations including third party components.
- Review of current campus challenges and opportunities.

Infrastructure Assessment

- Evaluation of existing servers.
- Survey and document readers and peripheral devices.
- Survey all Transaction Integration Agents (TIAs) and 3rd party hardware.
- Review the campus Information Technology planning guide.

Blackboard Transact Release 3.x Review

- Campus "critical" functionality review.

Migration Strategy

- Development of Change Management Plan.
- Development of a Risk Mitigation Plan.
- Development of Migration Plan.

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