



Solution Endowments



Education
Alliances



About Infor Education Alliances

Infor® Education Alliances is a partnership with institutions and associations that provides opportunities for students and professionals to develop skills by working with groundbreaking technology. Students acquire skills that make them more employable, while professionals gain valuable experience and insight into the latest technology innovations.

To help position students to succeed, the program emphasizes:

Developing best practice knowledge of business processes

Students develop this skill by working with and building an understanding of next-generation software capabilities, deep industry-specific functionality, and fully functional user experience design.

Strengthening leadership skills and marketable experiences

Students work to help define the next wave of business software and intuitive user experiences through feedback on project work or development of new applications and/or application extensions.

Collaborating through innovation partnerships

Students have input in technology development and/or publication of analysis and recommendations within research areas of interest, supporting academic requirements.

With the breadth and depth of Infor's solutions and learning programs, student majors can benefit by:

- Gaining deep industry insight in areas such as healthcare, industrial manufacturing, distribution, and hospitality
- Acquiring deep functional expertise in enterprise resource planning, human resources, manufacturing, asset management and sustainability, and technology management and support
- Developing or extending technical skills across application development, connectivity, and social collaboration tools

Key areas of study/majors include:

-  Business (General, Management, Information Management, Logistics, Procurement, Operations, Human Resources, etc.)
-  Computer science (Developer, Programmer)
-  Engineering (Industrial, Civil)
-  Medicine (Pre-Med, Nursing)

How we position students to succeed

Free Solution Endowments that provide access to Infor's cloud-based specialized software and training materials are a key part of the program. Solution endowments allow professors to provide innovative learning opportunities for students and provide the hands-on experience they need to gain a competitive edge, land great jobs, and thrive in their selected careers. Solution endowments are supported by Infor curricula, sample project and research areas, as well as "train-the-trainer" sessions with member professors and IT administrators.

Solution Endowments can be used in three main ways:

1. Integration into classroom learning and project/lab work

2. Establishment or integration into Center(s) of Excellence

3. Self-directed study to pursue product or track accreditation and/or certification

1. Integration into classroom learning and project/lab work

Professors provide students with hands-on, real world experience by integrating relevant tools—used by businesses today to achieve their business goals, optimize value and minimize risk—into learning curricula and project/lab work. Integration can be achieved in an existing course or built into the development of new coursework that meets agreed-upon learning objectives. Generally, integration can be customized to support individual learning needs and desired outcomes.

Potential integrations, projects, and lab work could include:

A day in the life at a manufacturing company

Students learn the major functions of a manufacturing company and how an ERP solution supports critical operations, from customer relationship management to production planning and scheduling, to quality management.

Technology innovation

Students identify an area of need for an organization or the local community that can be addressed through technology. They drive the analysis, define the problem, and then define and build the optimal user experience and application or extension that resolves the need.

Public safety and crisis management planning

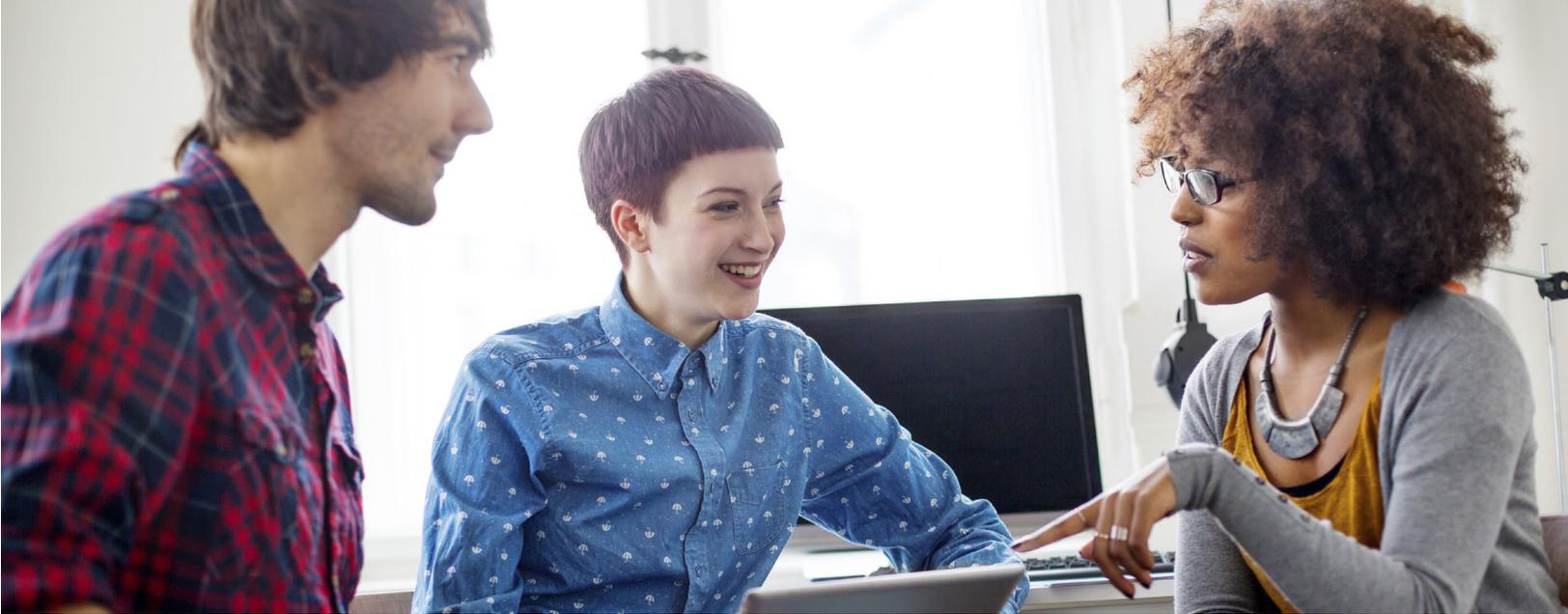
Students learn about the multi-dimensional elements are generated by a hypothetical crisis and then develop, administer, and analyze results from a questionnaire to assess the readiness of their community to respond to the hypothetical crisis and provide recommendations on how to be best prepared to minimize negative impacts.

Improving patient care

Students learn how providers can deliver accurate care more quickly, safely, and cost effectively. They analyze the activities of providers and provide workflow and IT process recommendations for improving productivity and the quality of patient care.

HR transformation

Students model a company that has geographically dispersed offices and a desire to move away from paper, bulletin boards and email communications to a centralized self-service portal. They analyze employee needs and usage scenarios, determine portal requirements, create mock users, and build the custom portal to meet the organization's needs.



To further support the demonstration and mastery of learnings, as well as to provide students with additional experience, students are encouraged to volunteer in local business projects, extending the benefits achieved in the classroom and project work to the local community.

[Learn more about specific classroom project ideas >](#)

2. Establishment or integration into existing Center(s) of Excellence

The Centers of Excellence are 6 to 12+ month innovation application development and research partnerships focused on driving academically rigorous thought leadership with outcomes that transform business management and user experiences. Upperclassmen, graduate students, and Ph.D. candidates use real customer data and/or micro-vertical case studies, and work with professors, Infor subject matter experts and/or other industry leaders to establish or extend and manage industry-focused Center(s) of Excellence (“COE”) development ecosystems that:

- Develop new and/or add-on application innovations **supported by Infor product development.**
- Drive and publish thought leadership research to address emerging business trends **supported by Infor Dynamic Science Labs.**

Develop new and/or add-on application innovations

Technical students build deeper analytic skills and ability in software design, user experience, and functionality by using the Infor Mongoose enterprise-grade development platform, with a drag and drop interface built on .NET, to develop sophisticated applications, such as;



Web parts, lightweight applications, or widgets
(like a mortgage calculator)
that are used in conjunction with other applications



Stand-alone applications
that can replace
homegrown applications
or external facing websites
that have become more
difficult to maintain



Solution extensions
for on-premises solutions
that have become too
costly to update with
additional functionality

Students could also use other Infor technologies, such as:

- Infor ION™, which powers integration and business process enablement across multiple disparate systems using open standards, real-time alerting via event management, and embedded business process workflow
- Infor Ming.le, a social collaboration platform that helps people to connect, communicate, and work in real-time—increasing workforce efficiency and productivity
- As well as relevant ERP solutions, as needed

[Learn more about the Infor technology platform >](#)

COEs can support a broad range of innovative technology developments to meet business needs and define next generation user experiences and interfaces. Through the analysis of these needs and behaviors across market, industry, business processes, and customer requirements, and through the use of Infor technology platform and tools, students can influence and deliver new or expanded solutions and recommendations that can change how businesses operate.

Drive and publish thought leadership research

Professors and students work in partnership with the Infor Dynamic Science Labs team to develop and publish thought leadership research. This benefits professors by helping them further their academic careers, and helps students across multiple disciplines to deepen their analytical skills.

Participants receive:

- Access to customer data and/or case studies to solve analytical challenges and advance research
- Guidance on technology and tools to enable deep data mining and analysis for research-driven recommendations and publications

Possible areas of research span the following industries and fields:



Automotive



Human Capital Management



Distribution



Public Sector



Equipment



Food & Beverage



Industrial



Fashion



Hospitality



Finances



Healthcare

Depending on the industry, business functions covered by the work may include operations, business technology, strategy, finance, marketing, and sales.



Themes will typically align with Infor Dynamic Science Labs work in science and analytical areas, such as optimization and forecasting, data mining, Big Data, and advanced analytics.

Potential projects could include:

Analysis of food and beverage manufacturing system to identify forecasting or optimization opportunities. Determine the data requirements, inputs, and outputs of the identified sub-systems. Choose one or more potential high value sub-systems and use data to propose models and compare outputs of various approaches.

Technology innovation, where students research and analyze results from published papers to compare the performance metrics of different technologies for example, Hadoop vs Redshift) to assess their usage and application in a variety of environments. Students will formulate a hypothesis, drive the analysis, and present the results.

Findings will be published as research briefs, white papers, case studies, or in peer reviewed journals, as well as presented at academic and industry conferences.

[Learn more about Infor Dynamic Science Labs >](#)

3. Self-directed study for accreditation and/or certification

Relevant curricula and associated exams are made available online to a larger number of students interested in building deeper technical proficiency or developing functional skills through Infor Campus, Infor's learning and training platform. Students who pass the available exam(s) at the conclusion of self-study will receive documentation of accreditation and/or certification.

Infor Campus supports a number of hands-on, self-guided overview and simulation courses for Infor's key products. Users access a series of short online courses associated with a product or technology, and move through the curriculum to gain proficiency. Depending on the role and technology, accreditation will typically require 10 to 30 hours of time and consist of the requisite learning modules, as well as a comprehensive exam.

Learners start with concepts and general principles in the first lesson or two and then shift into hands-on, execution-based activities that simulate actual software use. Product simulations allow users to practice and

learn how to execute critical business processes, functions, and tasks in a safe, structured environment complete with “Show Me,” “Test Me,” and “Let Me Try” modes. Learners are able to gain competence around using, administering, and understanding the system through Infor Campus self-paced learning modules.

[Learn more about Infor Education Programs and Infor Campus >](#)

Accreditation and certification opportunities exist for:

Select Infor products
and solutions

Functional sales and
marketing track

Functional technical track

The Infor Education Alliances process: How does it work?

- 1 Discover:** Through sharing the Institution’s goals and student learning objectives and learn how specific Infor solutions and/or technology platforms may support those objectives
- 2 Decide:** Which Infor solution(s) and/or technologies may be best suited for use at the Institution for classroom integration and project work, center(s) of excellence, and/or self-directed study
- 3 Plan:** Course, project, center and/or usage outlines, as well as student awareness for selected uses
- 4 Enable:** Institution-led faculty support and faculty-led delivery of courseware, project work, self-directed learning activities and development of thought leadership materials; through IT train-the-trainer and faculty materials and training on product administration and use.
- 5 Support:** Institution users to continue building on their success and gain more value from the partnership by providing Infor feedback and recommendations in periodic updates/checkpoint meetings.

[Fill out the Institution intake form >](#)

[Learn more about the Education Alliance program >](#)



When your institution partners with the Infor Education Alliance Program, you can drive excellence in curriculum development and delivery to attract the best students, and prepare them for employment. You'll help drive innovative thought leadership with the world's leading minds, to address the most significant business challenges and define the next-generation user experience—powered by Infor. For more information on Infor's Education Alliances, please go to infor.com/eap.

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