

To: CCC Transfer Counselors
From: Student Academic Support, CSU Office of the Chancellor
Re: Spring 2014 CSU Mentor Application

We've received several inquiries from community college transfer counselors recently, regarding the new fields that were added to the pop-up section in the "College Information" section on page 7 of the CSU Mentor application:

- Units attempted to date
- Grade points
- Cumulative GPA

The new fields "Units attempted to date" and "Grade points" and "Cumulative GPA" are in reference to individual college or university attended by the applicant.

EDIT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Please complete the fields on the right as thoroughly as possible. Once done, hit the "update college" link below.

College/University: EL CAMINO COLLEGE (CEEB: 4302)
Location: TORRANCE, CA

Dates of attendance from: to: mm/yyyy
Term type:

Units completed to date: Units attempted to date:

Cumulative GPA: Grade points:

EL CAMINO COLLEGE California / CEEB: 4302 9/2009 to 6/2010	60 completed Semester calendar	—	None	Resident	EDIT DELETE
LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE California / CEEB: 4388 9/2009 to 9/2013	12 completed Semester calendar	2.75 GPA	None	Resident	EDIT DELETE

ADD A COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY

The units attempted and grade points are intended to assist students and CSU campuses in calculating the self-reported cumulative GPA more accurately. These fields allow the applicant to provide details for each college or university attended, however the two fields are optional and may be left blank as shown below. The cumulative GPA field is required.

We've heard from counselors concerns that some applicants may be confused on how to respond to these questions, for example, courses completed with a grade of "CR" or "Pass" included in the total units completed or attempted which will skew the GPA calculation. Courses completed with a "CR" or "Pass" grade, although, although, included in the total unit attempted and completed fields, should not be included when calculating the cumulative GPA. The cumulative GPA field is self-reported; the information entered in this field is not used to validate information in other fields.

As noted, these new fields are optional and should reflect the individual college or university for which the student is entering information. Later in screen 7, the applicant is separately asked to provide their GPA in all transferable undergraduate college work. It is this GPA, and the sum of all units completed on which campus application processing is based.

To help address questions which may arise regarding these fields, additional text will be added to screen 7 within the next few days.

If you have additional questions regarding the CSU Mentor application process, please email Karen Simpson-Alisca at ksimpson-alisca@calstate.edu or Nathan Evans at nevans@calstate.edu.