



NWACC Banner

I. What is Banner?

Banner is an administrative software solution developed specifically for higher education institutions. Banner maintains student, financial and personnel data. It consists of six integrated systems: FINANCE, STUDENT, FINANCIAL AID, ALUMNI, HUMAN RESOURCES, GENERAL

- II. The Banner software acts as an interface to the ORACLE database which houses all college data, making the job of adding or retrieving data much easier. Banner provides the features and processing capabilities needed for student information (admissions, registration, etc.), human resources information (employee benefits, salary/deduction history, etc.), financial aid information (needs analysis, packaging, etc.) and finance information (general ledger, accounts payable, accounts receivable, etc.).

Because of the common database, multiple departments use the information entered into Banner. Other departments share data, sometimes several years in the future. For example, a name change would be reflected in the Student, Financial Aid, Human Resource, and Alumni systems. Though information on Banner is shared, many users are allowed only to look up (query) specific information. When you perform a query, you retrieve information from the database and display that information on the screen. Banner has a variety of tools that let you search by name and automatically retrieve associated information. Banner also has sophisticated security measures to make sure that only authorized individuals have access to specific data. Banner is auditor-compliant and, thanks to several 'self-service' modules, allows students, faculty and staff to access their data wherever and whenever they need it.

III. Who in Arkansas uses Banner?

- a. NorthWest Arkansas Community College
- b. University of Central Arkansas
- c. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith
- d. Arkansas State University
- e. University of Arkansas – Little Rock
- f. University of Arkansas – Cooperative Extension
- g. Arkansas Tech University
- h. Harding University
- i. University of Arkansas Foundation

[Other nearby institutions: Texarkana College, Texas A&M, Johnson County Community College (Kansas)*, Tulsa Community College (Oklahoma)*]

**NWACC benchmarks and collaborates with these peer community colleges*