

TouchNet Ready Partner Program

Streamline Campuswide Payments for Simplified PCI Compliance

On many campuses, commerce systems have grown incrementally over time – department by department and application by application. The result is a collection of disparate payment applications without central oversight, making it difficult to manage PCI compliance and putting the institutions at risk for data breaches and bruised reputations.

The TouchNet Ready Partner Program promotes improved data security and better fiscal controls for campuswide commerce transactions. This unique program creates an environment where payment transactions from many campus software systems (such as Parking, Continuing Education, Housing, Fundraising, Ticketing, and Event Management Systems) and from many different vendors are processed through one central, fully certified financial technology platform.

Unified Campus Payments

- ▶ **Streamline Financial Management**
Funneling campuswide payments into one central commerce system simplifies reconciliation and improves the management of funds moving within the campus enterprise.
- ▶ **Reduce PA-DSS Compliance Efforts**
Minimize the number of applications touching payment data to reduce the effort required to meet PA-DSS (Payment Application Data Security Standard) requirements.
- ▶ **Leverage Transaction Volume to Lower Rates**
Leverage consolidated transaction volumes to negotiate lower fees with payment processors and banks.
- ▶ **Promote Cardholder Data Security**
A single, centrally managed, fully certified payment system erases potential security holes from campus payment processes.
- ▶ **Eliminate Custom Integration**
Campus vendors use standardized integration with your TouchNet U.Commerce system, eliminating custom, non-supported interfaces.



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What Is It?

TouchNet Ready is a turn-key partnership program for campus software and system vendors that need to take an electronic payment in their application. Your vendors, with TouchNet's assistance, work to build compliant interfaces to the TouchNet U.Commerce System for processing campus payments through one central payment system.

TouchNet Ready helps enable a key campus strategy to minimize the number of campus systems that touch payment data and to funnel vendors' payment transactions from throughout the campus through a fully certified, centrally managed payment system. The result is a more secure payment environment for campus constituents and a more manageable environment for campus financial oversight and compliance reporting.

How Does It Work?

When a vendor joins TouchNet Ready, they become a TouchNet partner in order to build a secure link to TouchNet U.Commerce and give you unified and standardized payment connections for all your business applications. TouchNet provides partners with development specifications, technical assistance, and support as needed. Once the partner's development project is finished, TouchNet validates the connection with rigorous integration tests. The partner is then "TouchNet Ready" for implementation with your TouchNet U.Commerce system.

