OVERVIEW
The myriad regulatory statutes and contractual obligations have caused colleges and universities to face increasingly complex requirements that govern how they protect cardholder data and other forms of confidential and sensitive information. Equally important is that key stakeholders such as students, parents, and alumni are demanding that institutions attest to their practices of securing sensitive data.

HIGHER EDUCATION IS UNIQUE
Complicating PCI compliance are unique aspects of higher education that sometimes compound achieving and maintaining compliance:

- Open nature of the college/university physical and technical environment
- Departmental decentralization that inhibits central policy enforcement
- Data-rich information systems that create a natural target
- Sophisticated intruders, with potential criminal intent
- IT staff over-load which prevents or delays focus on security measures
- Demonstrated opportunities for repeat access
- Fiscal constraints
- Numerous independent systems across campus

To help colleges and universities meet these challenges CampusGuard® was established as a full-service compliance company dedicated solely to higher education.

ESSENTIAL ACTION LIST
The following summarizes actions you can take with CampusGuard to achieve and maintain PCI DSS compliance:

- **Readiness Review** – getting a good start on compliance
- **Discovery and Gap Analysis** – getting a handle on your present status vs. the PCI DSS
- **Remediation** – correcting deficiencies
- **Assessment** – on-site review of your controls
- **Validation** – through the SAQ or ROC process
- **Vulnerability Scanning** – verifying that controls are working
- **Penetration Testing** – using techniques to determine if vulnerabilities can be exploited

READINESS REVIEW
Many universities are unsure of their level of compliance and may not be ready for a full compliance assessment. The CampusGuard PCI Readiness Review provides an assessment of your readiness for PCI compliance. The objective of the Review is to launch or accelerate your PCI compliance team’s effort. The Review accomplishes the following:

- Sets a strategic direction
- Creates awareness among campus merchants
- Promotes awareness and support among your Executive team
- Promotes awareness and support of the Information Technology team
- Creates a PCI Committee and develops a charter for the team
- Creates a Roadmap for PCI Compliance
- Provides a Customer Compliance Portal to help you along the way

DISCOVERY AND GAP ANALYSIS
As a full services Qualified Services Assessor company (QSA) CampusGuard can assist your team in finding the gaps between the present status of your operation when compared to the requirements of the PCI DSS, and properly define the scope of your network that must be scanned for network and application vulnerabilities in order to be compliant. We will also identify where security gaps currently exist in the network and associated risks.

REMEDIATION
We assist with the PCI remediation process as required by your Acquirer by providing remediation plans for areas identified as PCI non-compliant, and skilled technically knowledgeable representation in answering questions concerning the remediation plan and compliance.

ASSESSMENT
Some merchants that store, process, or transmit credit card data are required to have a detailed security assessment by a PCI SSC certified QSA. The purpose of the assessment is to validate in person that card data is handled in accordance with the PCI DSS. Even institutions which are not designated Level 1 can profit by having CampusGuard work directly with you to ensure proper completion of your Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ).

VALIDATION
In most situations you will be validating your compliance by completing the SAQ. CampusGuard provides a Customer PCI Compliance Portal that enables colleges and universities to manage the SAQ process online and store the documentation necessary to support your Attestation of Compliance.

VULNERABILITY SCANNING
In addition to creating a compliant culture and infrastructure, you must verify that the measures you put into place actually are working. CampusGuard is an Approved Scanning Vendor (ASV) and we can provide the scans and reports for you to verify your compliance.
ABOUT US

Our mission is to assist colleges and universities achieve and maintain PCI DSS compliance as well as meet other regulations and requirements currently being mandated at the federal and state levels. CampusGuard provides a full range of services that are the result of our comprehensive knowledge of the PCI DSS as it applies to the higher education environment. Our subject matter expert QSAs can assist your compliance efforts, beginning with a Readiness Review and continuing with a Gap Analysis, Remediation, Assessment, Validation, and Vulnerability Scanning and Penetration Testing.

CampusGuard has attracted and assembled the most talented professionals in the field of information security in colleges and universities. Our QSAs average more than fifteen years’ experience of higher education security compliance, and arrive at CampusGuard having previously led their institutions to successful PCI compliance. Our QSAs possess the highest industry and technical certifications.

CampusGuard is a Merchant Preservation Services, LLC company. We are certified as both a Qualified Security Assessor (QSA and Approved Scanner by the PCI Security Standards Council, listed as Merchant Preservation Services, LLC:
for QSA: https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/approved_companies_providers/qualified_security_assessors.php
for ASV: https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/approved_companies_providers/approved_scanning_vendors.php

OUR APPROACH

We take the complexity out of security by helping you make the right decisions for your campus with both a compliance and risk-based focus. Our approach balances the needs of your institution and the investments required in your people, your processes and your technologies to ensure compliance with the PCI DSS, as well as to help you find possible ways of improving processes and reducing costs associated with processing payments on campus. Further, our team has developed a Customer PCI Compliance Portal that enables your campus to easily navigate through an entire project and successfully document and validate you PCI compliance.

We successfully deliver and integrate security solutions including PCI Readiness Review, Discovery and Assessment, Compliance Validation, Ongoing PCI Support, and more to higher education institutions. Your campus will have access to comprehensive PCI compliance expertise that is focused on the business of education without the expense of finding, hiring and retaining permanent compliance staff.

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