



February 25, 2022

Dear Washington State Student Services Commission,

The Admissions and Registration Council (ARC) met virtually for their winter quarter meeting January 19-21, 2022. During this meeting several topics were discussed related to ctcLink with one rising as a significant equity issue needing expedited resolution.

Use of Disparaging Language in ctcLink and the OAAP

Discussion:

In 2017 ARC membership endorsed language changes in the Legacy online admission application to remove the word "Alien" in connection to citizenship status.

The Legacy OAA uses the following terminology:

If not a US Citizen, what is your visa status:

- International student (F, J or M visa)
- Temporary Resident
- Permanent Resident
- Refugee/Parolee or Conditional Entrant
- Other Visa (Explain _____)
- No Answer

In ctcLink and the OAAP that language was not carried over, instead it displays as:

Citizenship status:

- Alien Permanent
- Alien Temporary
- Canadian Citizen
- Employment Visa
- Naturalized
- Not Indicated
- Other
- Permanent Resident
- US Citizen

Recommendation:

Alter language in ctcLink and the OAAP to match the approved language from 2017:

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- Permanent Resident
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ARC appreciates your continued support and your consideration of these recommendations. We are available to provide additional information as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chantel Black". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chantel Black
ARC President