Effective Dating in CaneLink

Information in CaneLink is organized, stored, and maintained within effective-dated rows. **Effective Dating** allows the system to maintain historical data without removing data and creating orphan rows.

When accessing a page, the most recent row with the most recent effective date will appear. This data is the active data for the student. If multiple rows are present on a given page, they will appear at the top right corner of the display grid of a particular component. You can use the Previous and Next arrows to toggle between rows, or click View All to see all past rows.

Each row is associated with an effective date. The effective date of a row represents the date on which that particular row of information became active. When you insert a new row into an effective-dated record using the Add a New Row icon (➕), CaneLink copies the contents of the previous row into the new row so you don’t have to retype any information that may be the same. You can then change information as needed to update the record.

To make the data row effective immediately, the effective date should reflect the current date. To make the row effective on some date in the future, that date should be entered.

On components that use effective dating, you should add a new row using the icon (➕) in order to make any changes. If you try to change existing information without adding a new row with a new date, you will receive an error.