The Future at Okta: IGA and PAM—The Identity Solution for Higher Education

Coming soon in 2022, Okta Identity Governance and Administration (IGA) and Privileged Access Management (PAM) will make it easier for higher education institutions to manage complex identity lifecycles, control access, and meet compliance requirements.

Higher education’s identity complex

Traditional identity management tools just don’t meet the needs of higher education organizations. These solutions require tremendous dedicated resources to operate, which is a high cost to pay in exchange for sophisticated features that aren’t relevant and don’t get used. Many institutions fail to get them off the ground at all.

It shouldn’t be expensive, slow, or difficult to address the critical identity concerns in higher education, such as managing different account types and protecting user data. And in an environment where continuously fluctuating roles and access requirements are the norm, efficiency couldn’t be more important.

Okta’s solution to simplify identity

The IGA capabilities Okta has planned deliver essential identity governance capabilities to higher education institutions without weighing them down.

With integrated PAM, the solution also offers contextual user access controls and automations right out of the box to eliminate the IT friction that comes with selecting and integrating another tool.

The consolidated cloud interface optimizes the user experience of managing identity and access to empower both higher productivity and greater insight.

What makes Okta IGA and PAM the educated choice for higher ed?

• Targeted to your mission-critical identity, access, security, and compliance use cases
• Efficient to deploy and use, enabling you to go live sooner with automations that streamline and standardize key workflows
• Compatible, with wide adoption on the horizon
• Sophisticated where it counts, with built-in access management context to support data-driven decisions
• User focused, featuring a centralized interface and integrations with tools you already use
• Flexible, facilitating easy account removals, fast onboarding, and variable levels of access
• Lightweight, freeing up IT resources and saving time and money from launch through operations
Improve identity management with Okta IGA

Traditional IGA systems are costly, complex, and cumbersome—and they hold higher education organizations back. To keep pace with the dynamic, overlapping identity lifecycles that characterize academics, institutions need an efficient, flexible solution. In the coming year Okta plans to bring IGA to the cloud with an integrated solution that simplifies and automates those cycles while keeping identity at the core of security.

Control contextual access through Okta PAM

Okta PAM simplifies the task of managing multiple users. It gives only privileged accounts access to sensitive data—and protects those targets from malicious attacks without burdening others with unnecessary protocols. This solution enables secure, user-friendly authentication and account provisioning to help higher education organizations verify and authenticate users faster.

Enable the future of learning

The normalization of remote learning urgently challenges higher education organizations to meet requirements to provide their users with secure access. And securing remote learning relies on a Zero Trust approach. It’s no longer enough to defend the campus security perimeter—organizations must verify and protect user identities in the cloud.

Secure your institution

Higher education organizations face an ever-increasing risk of cyber crime. In June 2020, hackers launched an attack on the San Francisco School of Drugs and demanded a $1 million ransom fee for the data. In May 2020, hackers breached OneClass, a Canadian online learning application, and exposed the data of over one million North American students. Okta helps protect data and identities from breaches that can carry financial, reputational, and regulatory consequences. Automated onboarding and account removal processes—together with contextual access control from the same interface—extend security to the level of the user.

About Okta

Okta is the leading independent provider of identity for the enterprise. The Okta Identity Cloud enables organizations to securely connect the right people to the right technologies at the right time. With over 6,500 application integrations, Okta customers can easily and securely use the best technologies for their business. To learn more, visit okta.com.