



# The CU\*Expert Program

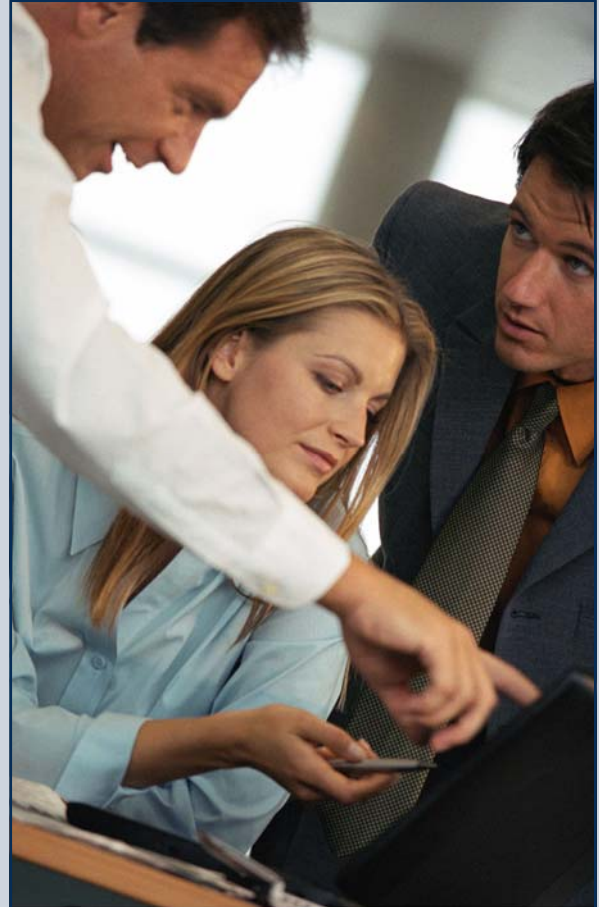
*Guaranteeing the Difference  
for your Conversion*



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# The CU\*Expert Program

## Introduction

A program designed with the credit union in mind! Every credit union has at least one expert on staff, a “go to” person. It can sometimes be difficult for those individuals, and their staff members to migrate to a new software package, where they need to re-learn what has become second nature. With the CU\*Expert Program, CU\*Answers can help to develop that individual. This program will take training to the next level! As you read through this development plan, you will see the 9-step detailed process, along with the expected outcome. After completing this comprehensive program, the CU\*Expert will need to be committed to continued education on the CU\*BASE product to keep up to date on software enhancements and development.



## How do we choose a CU\*Expert

To begin, we recommend the Credit Union have one CU\*Expert per branch. For clarity, this document will assume a single CU\*Expert. In most cases a credit union will designate more than one person for this role. Keep in mind, this individual will be the “go-to” person for the staff. He/she may be a Head Teller, a Branch Manager, or some other employee well-versed in day-to-day operations. The CU\*Expert should be in a leadership role.

## Your Credit Union’s Expert will:

- *Have the expertise to manage an office during your conversion*
- *Gain the knowledge and ability to communicate their expertise*
- *Be trained to be the “go to” person for CU\*BASE*

## Expectations and Results

*At the completion of this program, the CU\*Expert will have the expertise to manage an office during a conversion without the physical assistance of a CU\*Answers staff member, and have the knowledge/ability to communicate that expertise. For this program, we have compiled a list of the 50+ most utilized transactions/processes.*

### Teller



- Activating a teller drawer
- Posting transactions
- Closing a teller drawer
- Balancing Cash and Checks
- Shared Branching Transactions
- Rate Inquiry (Share, CD, Loan)
- Using the Teller Processing screens to obtain member information

### Head Teller



- Trouble shooting and making same day teller corrections
- Understanding Teller Cash Dispensers (TCD's) (when applicable)
- Post Teller/Vault/Bank cash sales
- Balance Branch Cash (complete cash inventory)
- Balance Branch Checks
- Using the Cash Analysis Reports for Branch Cash Tracking
- Using the teller audit function to search for errors

### Lending



- Creating a loan request
- Printing loan forms
- Disbursing a loan
- Performing maintenance on a loan
- Pulling an online credit report
- Loan payment amortization inquiry
- Working with member household information via application entry
- View/Work loans in the underwriting queue (including home banking applications)
- Retrieving member loan application requests placed via CU\*TALK
- Work with member electronic loan file
- Denying loan requests/printing denial notice

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## Member Services



- Understanding all features of Phone Operator
- Understanding all the features of Account Inquiry
- Performing maintenance on a deposit account
- Performing maintenance on a membership
- Changing an address
- Printing an envelope
- Printing account forms
- Opening a membership- including enrolling into a Household
- Closing a membership – including deleting from a Household
- Understanding the non-member database
- Opening a sub share
- Opening a certificate
- Closing a sub share
- Redeeming a certificate
- Creating a Household
- Updating a Household
- Work PC Home Banking request for contacts, changes, new accounts, etc.
- Rate Inquiry
- Maintaining Account comments
- Account Adjustments
- Member Service Denial Notices

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## Miscellaneous



- Directing a terminal to route to a different printer
  - Printing daily reports
  - Viewing /searching reports from CU\*SPY
  - Understanding "Favorites"
  - Changing an employee password
  - Changing a terminal password
  - Resetting an employee password
  - Resetting a terminal passwords (if they will have authority)
  - Using online help
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# The Process

## Step 1 – Pre-Site Visit/Product Review

Approximately six months prior to the conversion date, a pre-site product review is completed with the Management Team of the Credit Union. This is the starting point of the conversion process. It is critical that the CU\*Expert attend this meeting, as well as any others to stay abreast of decisions that are made and how we are moving forward.

## Step 2 – Pre-Conversion Training/Data Entry 2-Day Session

This is a custom two-day session. We will begin by training .10 Introduction to CU\*Answers CU\*BASE and 1.00 Introduction to Teller Processing, to prepare the CU\*Expert for taking all of the online courses independently.

We will then work on setting up products for the credit union on CU\*BASE. Based on the products that the credit union will be using a schedule will be developed by the conversion trainer and/or coordinator, and communicated 2 weeks in advance. The CU staff that typically will need to be in attendance include the CU\*Expert, Management, and accounting staff.

The following is a common list of products that we can train and configure with the CU staff, as well as the courses that will be trained.



### Training

- .10 Introduction to CU\*Answers CU\*BASE
- 1.00 Introduction to Teller Processing
- CU\*@HOME VMS – training and configuration
- Truth-In-Savings forms – training and configuration
- Notices – training and configuration
- Subsidiary/Investment entry
- Accounts Payable Vendors entry



### Step 3 – Learn CU\*BASE via Online Courses

This training is designed for the CU\*Expert to become familiar with the software prior to the hands-on training at CU\*Answers. The CU\*Expert will work independently learning the CU\*BASE software via the online courses. These courses should be taken a minimum of two times each prior to the next step of the program.

CTM 100	Welcome to CU*BASE GOLD
CTM 101	Menus, Screens & Navigation
CTM 400	Teller Processing 1
CTM 401	Teller Processing 2
CTM 200	Member Account Inquiry
CTM 201	Phone Operator
CTM 300	Member Services
CTM 500	Head Teller/Vault Management
CTM 600	Day-to-Day Loan Servicing

### Step 4 – Customized 4-Day Training Session

This 4-day session will begin with one day of training/review of all the courses taken in Step 3 of the program to reinforce what has been learned. Day two and four will cover additional hands-on training (see below for the list of topics). Day three will be a field trip. CU\*Experts and their CU\*Answers trainer will spend a day at one of our client sites, to apply what they have learned in a "real" environment.

**Day 1** - Review of all online courses taken in Step 3  
(refer to chart above)

**Day 2** - Additional hands-on training

Understanding How to Set Favorites	30 minutes
Printing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loan Forms</li> <li>• Miscellaneous Account Forms</li> <li>• Envelopes</li> <li>• Daily Reports</li> </ul>	2 hours
.60 CU*SPY Online Reports and Statement Retrieval	2 hours
1.50 Day-to-Day Savings Products	1 hour
1.40 Day-to-Day Certificates	1 hour
1.60 Day-to-Day IRA's	1 hour

## The Process *continued*

**Day 3** - CU\*Experts and their CU\*Answers trainer will spend a day at one of our client sites, to apply what they have learned in a "real" environment. Learning the credit union operation on the CU\*BASE software will give you an opportunity to evaluate current procedures, and consider how the CU\*BASE software will impact them. The following are some additional processes that we will focus on during this visit.

<b>Daily operation including:</b>	8 hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directing printers</li> <li>• Printing reports</li> <li>• Trouble shooting teller outages</li> <li>• Payment reversals</li> <li>• Account adjustments</li> <li>• Re-printing checks</li> </ul>	

### Day 4 - Review of Day Three/Lending

Review of Day 3 - Q&A	2 hours
1.70 Day-to-Day Loan Servicing	2 hours
5.10 Lending from Request to Disbursement: Understanding the Application Process	2 hours

### Step 5 – CU\*Expert Facilitates Staff Training

Pre-conversion training starts approximately 8 weeks prior to conversion. The CU\*Expert will facilitate training sessions for all staff members utilizing the online courses. The CU\*Expert will work with the CU\*Answers training and conversion teams to develop a schedule for their staff.

### Step 6 – All Staff Training – Facilitated by CU\*Expert and CU\*Answers Trainer

Two weeks prior to conversion, CU\*Answers trainer and the CU\*Expert will conduct training sessions on the following: Teller Posting, Member Services, Lending, Collections, Head Teller, and Back Office. Many of the classes will be a reinforcement of the online courses that the CU staff has already taken. A schedule for the two week period will be created by the Conversion Coordinator and the Credit Union's conversion Project Leader and CU\*Expert.

## Step 7 – Participate in Management Configuration Session

During the week prior to your conversion, a Management Configuration Session will be held at CU\*Answers. This all-day session should be attended by the credit union's management team as well as the CU\*Expert. During this session your Conversion Coordinator will review all of the credit union's products and services and how they are configured on CU\*BASE. Attending this session is critical for the CU\*Expert to have a complete understanding of how data was converted in order to answer staff and member questions.

## Step 8 – Staff Support - Post Conversion

The CU\*Expert will be the "key" support person for staff at each office. Staff will be instructed to direct their questions to the Expert, and in turn, the CU\*Expert will have a CU\*Answers contact for assistance. This process insures consistency for the credit union by allowing the Expert to interpret how the software and the credit unions policies and procedures blend.

## Step 9 – Ongoing CU\*BASE Training

We recommend the CU\*Expert continue expanding his/her range of knowledge by attending:

- CU\*Answers University classes
- All Release training sessions
- Individual training sessions
- Special workshops scheduled for the CU\*Expert and/or staff members.

Specific training can be scheduled through CU\*Answers Education Department. Please visit <http://www.cuanswers.com/education.php> for complete information.





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