

## Reporting Professional Programs Beyond the Baccalaureate Level

The categories used to classify and report professional programs beyond the baccalaureate level have been revised, and the revisions are currently in a reporting phase-in period. Therefore, institutions must indicate which method they will use to report these programs in order to get the correct screens.

To use the new method, you will need to recode all first-professional programs into the following four graduate level categories:

- Master's degree
- Doctor's degree - research/scholarship
- Doctor's degree - professional practice
- Doctor's degree - other

In addition, you will also report any first-professional certificates as post-master's certificates.

Only the following programs are considered first-professional:

- Chiropractic (D.C., D.C.M.) (51.0101)
- Dentistry (D.D.S., D.M.D.) (51.0401)
- Medicine (M.D.) (51.1201)
- Optometry (O.D.) (51.1701)
- Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) (51.1901)
- Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) (51.2001)\*
- Podiatry (D.P.M., D.P., Pod.D.) (51.2101)
- Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) (51.2401)
- Law (L.L.B., J.D.) (22.0101)
- Theology (M.Div., M.H.L./Rav, B.D., or Ordination) (39.0602 or 39.0605)

\*NOTE - The Bachelor of Pharmacy program is a Bachelor's degree program, and as such is an undergraduate program.

Once the first-professional programs have been changed, students in those programs are considered graduate students and activity in those programs is considered graduate level activity.

- Institutional Characteristics (IC) and Fall Enrollment (EF) must use the same method, since IC drives the screens that are seen for EF. Once a choice of method has been made in the Fall on IC, that method must be used on EF in the Winter/Spring.

Completions and 12-month Enrollment are also affected by these changes, but institutions may make their choice of reporting method for these components independently of IC and of each other.

Reporting using the new method will be mandatory according to the following schedule, and optional until then:

- o **Institutional Characteristics and Fall Enrollment - mandatory in 2009-10**
- o **Completions and 12-month Enrollment - mandatory in 2010-11**

Doctor's degree                      The highest award a student can earn for graduate study. The doctor's degree classification includes such degrees as Doctor of Education, Doctor of Juridical Science, Doctor of Public Health, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in any field such as agronomy, food technology, education, engineering, public administration, ophthalmology, or radiology.

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Doctor's degree - other              A doctor's degree that does not meet the definition of a doctor's degree - research/scholarship or a doctor's degree - professional practice.

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Doctor's degree - professional practice              A doctor's degree that is conferred upon completion of a program providing the knowledge and skills for the recognition, credential, or license required for professional practice. The degree is awarded after a period of study such that the total time to the degree, including both pre-professional and professional preparation, equals at least six full-time equivalent academic years. Some of these degrees were formerly classified as "first-professional" and may include: Chiropractic (D.C. or D.C.M.); Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.); Law (L.L.B. or J.D.); Medicine (M.D.); Optometry (O.D.); Osteopathic Medicine (D.O); Pharmacy (Pharm.D.); Podiatry (D.P.M., Pod.D., D.P.); or, Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), and others, as designated by the awarding institution.

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Doctor's degree - research/scholarship              A Ph.D. or other doctor's degree that requires advanced work beyond the master's level, including the preparation and defense of a dissertation based on original research, or the planning and execution of an original project demonstrating substantial artistic or scholarly achievement. Some examples of this type of degree may include Ed.D., D.M.A., D.B.A., D.Sc., D.A., or D.M, and others, as designated by the awarding institution.

**Award level table**

1. Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma of less than one academic year (less than 900 contact or clock hours)
2. Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma of at least one but less than two academic years (at least 900 but less than 1800 contact or clock hours)
3. Associate's Degree\*
4. Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma of at least two but less than four academic years (at least 1800 contact or clock hours)
5. Bachelor's Degree or equivalent\*
6. Postbaccalaureate Certificate
7. Master's Degree\*
8. Post-Master's Certificate
17. Doctor's degree - research/scholarship\*
18. Doctor's degree - professional practice\*
19. Doctor's degree - Other\*