

## **Degree Level Coding Changes**

### **2010 Completions Survey uses new post-baccalaureate award levels.**

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

The following programs were 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.

Doctor's degree	The highest award a student can earn for graduate study. The doctor's <u>degree</u> 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.
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.
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.

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.

### **CHE 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. Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma of at least two but less than four academic years (at least 1800 contact or clock hours)
4. Associate's Degree\*
6. Bachelor's Degree or equivalent\*
7. Post Baccalaureate Certificate
9. Master's Degree\*
10. Post-Master's Certificate
11. Beyond Masters but < Doctorate (Specialist)
12. Doctor's degree - research/scholarship\*
08. Doctor's degree - professional practice\*

- 1) Ed.D will continue to be coded as degree level 12, Doctor's degree – research/scholarship
- 2) Specialist degree, when reported to IPEDS, is combined under Post-Mast's Certificate

### **2010 Fall Enrollment by CIP**

- 1) New post- baccalaureate award levels will be reported when summarizing enrollment by CIP