

Introduction

In 2008, NCES introduced new post-baccalaureate degree classifications for optional reporting. The new classifications are mandatory for two surveys, Institutional Characteristics (IC) and Fall Enrollment (EF), for the 2009-10 collection. Only the revised classification categories will be displayed this year for those surveys. The eliminated categories will not appear since the changes are now mandatory. When reporting the average graduate tuition, do not include professional tuition in the calculation.

The first-professional certificate and first-professional degree classifications were eliminated. The post-master's certificate and the first-professional certificate were combined into a single classification – the post-master's certificate. The doctor's degree classification was divided into three categories: Doctor's Degree – Research/Scholarship, Doctor's Degree – Professional Practice, and Doctor's Degree – Other.

IC estimated enrollments will be reported as Undergraduate and Graduate.

The first-professional (F-P) tuition page was eliminated.

Comparison of Old and New Degree Categories

| New Award Categories | Old Award Categories |
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| Post-baccalaureate certificate | Post-baccalaureate certificate |
| Master's degree | Master's degree |
| Post-master's certificate | Post-master's certificate |
| Doctor's Degree <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Research/Scholarship – Professional Practice – Other | Doctor's degree |
| | First-professional degree |
| | First-professional certificate |

Definitions

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. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Ed.D.
- ✓ D.M.A
- ✓ D.B.A.
- ✓ D.Sc.
- ✓ D.A.
- ✓ D.M.

Doctor's Degree-Professional Practice: A Ph.D. or other 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. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- D.C. or D.C.M
- D.D.S. or D.M.D.
- D.O.
- D.P.M., Pod.D., D.P.
- D.V.M.
- Ed.D.
- L.L.B. or J.D.
- M.D.
- O.D.
- Pharm.D
- Au.D.
- D.Ed.Min
- D.N.P
- D.Min
- D.Ed.Min
- D.Miss
- D.P.T
- N.D.
- O.T.D
- Psy.D

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.

Master's Degree: An award that requires the successful completion of a program of study of generally one or two full-time equivalent academic years of work beyond the bachelor's degree.

Some former FP degrees in this category may take longer than 2 yrs to complete:

- ✓ M.Div
- ✓ M.H.L./Rav

Surveys Affected

- Institutional Characteristics – IC
 - New degree levels for awards offered
 - IC enrollments reported as UG, GR
 - First Professional tuition page eliminated
 - Do NOT include professional tuitions in average graduate tuition
- Completions – C
 - Report completions using new award levels
- 12-Month Enrollment - E12
 - First Professional page for unduplicated count eliminated
 - Report instructional activity for professional programs as graduate activity
- Fall Enrollment - EF
 - First Professional pages for fall enrollment eliminated
 - Report enrollment in professional programs as graduate enrollment

Implementation Schedule

| COLLECTION | IC, EF | C, E12 |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2009-10 | Mandatory | Optional |
| 2010-11 | Mandatory | Mandatory |