



California Community Colleges

System Webinar
February 4, 2026

Moving from TOP to CIP Guidance and Support

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Webinar Agenda

1. **Welcome** *by Vice Chancellor Siria Martinez*
2. **Updates** *by Deputy Chancellor Rowena Tomaneng*
3. **Transitioning from TOP codes to CIP codes**

➤ **Introductions and Topics**

- **James Todd**, CCCCCO Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs – History and Process
- **Erik Shearer**, Asst. Superintendent, VP, Instruction, Butte College – CIO Perspective
- **Laura Coleman**, Statewide Director, Center of Excellence – Demonstration of TOP-CIP Crosswalk
- **Jenni Abbott**, CCCCCO Strategy Advisor, Academic Affairs (TOP-CIP Coordinator) – Process and Timeline
- **Raul Arambula**, CCCCCO Educational Services – COCI CIP Code Submission Process
- **Terrence Willett/Todd Hoig**, CCCCCO Research, Analytics, & Data
- **Lorena Romero**, CCCCCO College Finance & Facilities Planning

4. **Closing Remarks** *by Dr. James Todd*

Transition Process - Introduction

- History and purpose of change
- Support from the Chancellor's Office
 - [Website: TOP to CIP Code Transition Project](#)
 - Ongoing collaboration with ASCCC, 5C, CIOs, CBOs
 - Updated TOP to CIP Crosswalk
 - COCI Interface Tool for simple evaluation & submission (end of February)
 - Open Office Hours every 2 weeks
 - Special Office Hours for Noncredit (Feb 10th, 1:00); CBOs (Feb 24th, 10:00)
 - Funding for the CCN process may be used for TOP to CIP

Transition Process - Introduction

QUESTIONS may be posted in the Q&A

- We will answer some during the webinar
- Others will be added to the FAQs on the webpage

DEDICATED EMAIL for any questions: top2cip@cccco.edu

UPDATED TOP to CIP Crosswalk for evaluating CIP Codes

Please REVIEW and CONFIRM any you have already selected

Revised Code Crosswalk

Previous

- Version on CCCCCO website
- Last updated in 2021
- Code pairs (TOP # to CIP #) based on similarity of code descriptions

Update

- Integrates code pairs from new sources
 - Chancellor's Office Curriculum Inventory System (COCI)
 - IPEDS reporting

About the Crosswalk Data Tool

- Built in Data Studio (a Google product)
- Incorporates all possible TOP to CIP matches, and filters for filters for Noncredit and CTE/Not CTE
- Instructions, notes, and links to other supports

TOP-to-CIP Crosswalk (Revised)

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TOP Code - Title ▾	CTE TOP ▾	Broad CIP Code Groups ▾
CIP Code - Title ▾	CTE CIP ▾	Noncredit CIP Code ▾

Reset Filters

TOP Code - TOP Title ⓘ ▾	TOP Code CTE Flag	CIP Code - CIP Title ⓘ ▾	CIP CTE Flag	Count of Colleges
0101.00 - Agriculture Technology and Sciences, General	CTE	01.0000 - Agriculture, General	Not CTE	15
0101.00 - Agriculture Technology and Sciences, General	CTE	01.0102 - Agribusiness/Agricultural Business Operations	CTE	12
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Crosswalk Tool

Demo

Differences between CIP and TOP

- CIP codes are often more detailed than TOP codes
Several different CIP codes may correspond to a single TOP code
- CIP code descriptions designate programs as CTE or not CTE:
“A program that prepares individuals for . . .” (**CTE**)
“A program that focuses on . . .” (**Not CTE**)
- **Noncredit** programs include this description and have specific CIP numbers:
“This CIP code is not valid for IPEDS reporting” (see 2-digit CIP codes 32-37)
- Though some TOP codes have been used for non-instructional administrative activities, **CIP codes may only be assigned to instructional programs and courses**

CIP codes are determined
by program intent, awards,
outcomes

Highlights

- **TOP Codes** will be completely **phased out by fall 2027**

Current non-instructional administrative & support activities that use TOP codes will transition to codes under non-CIP/non-TOP categories.

- **ADTs & Common Course Numbers** will have **consistent CIP codes** across System (CO and 5C workgroup)
- **STEP ONE:** All colleges submit instructional CIP codes to COCI (programs/courses) by **December 31, 2026**
- **STEP TWO:** Testing, corrections, BUDGET development, changes in other systems
- Colleges will **report both TOP & CIP** through spring 2027 reporting; Summer 2027 reporting & forward – CIP only

Revised TOP-CIP Crosswalk

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TOP Code CTE Flag ▾

Broad CIP Groupings (2-digit) ▾

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0102.00 - Animal Science	CTE	01.0302 - Animal/Livestock Husbandry and Production	CTE	14
0102.00 - Animal Science	CTE	01.0505 - Animal Training	CTE	3
0102.00 - Animal Science	CTE	32.0107 - Career Exploration/Awareness Skills	Noncredit CIP	null
0102.00 - Animal Science	CTE	32.0111 - Workforce Development and Training	Noncredit CIP	null

Browse CIP Codes

10) COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES/TECHNICIANS AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

10.01) Communications Technologies/Technicians.

[10.0105\) Communications Technology/Technician.](#)

10.02) Audiovisual Communications Technologies/Technicians.

10.03) Graphic Communications.

10.99) Communications Technologies/Technicians and Support Services, Other.

Detail for CIP Code 10.0105

[Print](#)

Title: Communications Technology/Technician.

Definition: A program that generally prepares individuals to function as workers and managers within communications industries. Includes instruction in business economics; basic management; principles of interpersonal and mediated communications; radio, television, and digital media production; and related aspects of technology and communications systems.

Adult Ed/Noncredit Impact



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CIP

THE CLASSIFICATION OF
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

CIP 2020

Browse CIP Codes

This is a full listing of all CIP codes in this version. (Note: Neither old location of codes that moved nor deleted codes are shown in this listing; that information may be viewed on other areas of this site.)

Range
32 – 37
are non-
credit

+ 32) BASIC SKILLS AND DEVELOPMENTAL/REMEDIAL EDUCATION.

+ 33) CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITIES.

+ 34) HEALTH-RELATED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS.

+ 35) INTERPERSONAL AND SOCIAL SKILLS.

+ 36) LEISURE AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

+ 37) PERSONAL AWARENESS AND SELF-IMPROVEMENT.

- 32.01) Basic Skills and Developmental/Remedial Education.

[32.0101\) Basic Skills and Developmental/Remedial Education, General.](#)

[32.0104\) Developmental/Remedial Mathematics.](#)

[32.0105\) Job-Seeking/Changing Skills.](#)

[32.0107\) Career Exploration/Awareness Skills.](#)

[32.0108\) Developmental/Remedial English.](#)

[32.0109\) Second Language Learning.](#)

[32.0110\) Basic Computer Skills.](#)

[32.0111\) Workforce Development and Training.](#)

[32.0112\) Accent Reduction/Modification.](#)

[32.0199\) Basic Skills and Developmental/Remedial Education, Other.](#)



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- Only specific CIP codes can be assigned to noncredit
- Designated noncredit CIP codes are not reported to IPEDS
- Correct CIPs will be found under different categories than TOP
- SAM Codes (e.g., Apprenticeship) will not change. The current TOP code will change to CIP

Adult Ed/Noncredit CIP Transition

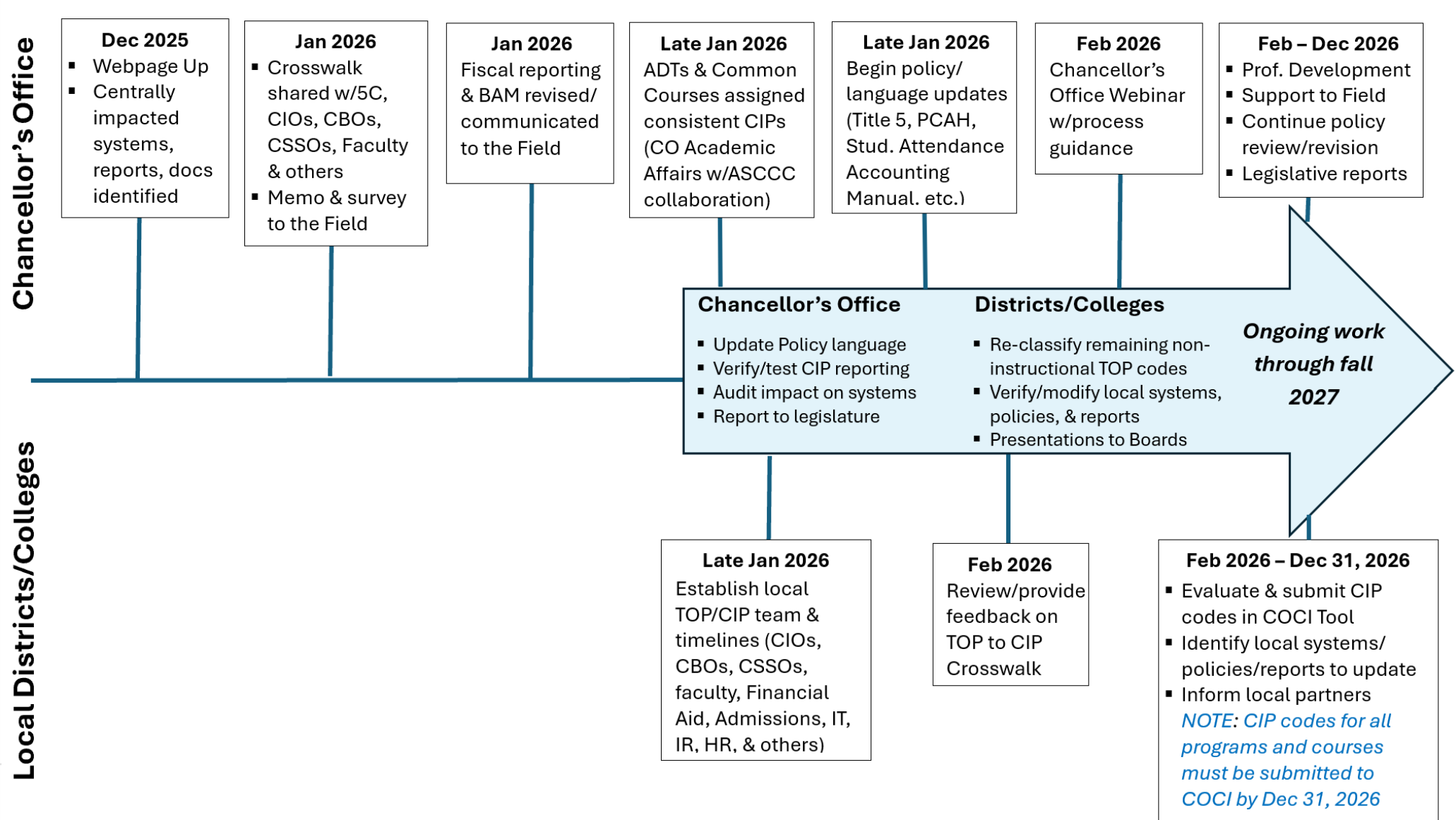
TOP Code Category	TOP Codes	CIP Code Category	CIP Codes
English as a Second Language (CDCP)	493084-493100	See: Basic Skills & Developmental/ Remedial Education (<i>Second Language Learning; Accent Reduction/Modification</i>)	32.0109 32.0112
Short-term Vocational (CDCP)	ANY VOCATIONAL TOP CODE	Basic Skills & Developmental/Remedial Education (<i>Workforce Development & Training</i>)	32.0111
Workforce Preparation (CDCP)	ANY VOC TOP CODE or 493010-493072	Basic Skills & Developmental/Remedial Education (<i>Career Exploration/Awareness; Workforce Development & Training</i>)	32.0107 32.0111
Elementary and Secondary Basic Skills (supplemental instruct, supervised tutoring) (CDCP)	150100-170200 493009-493060	Basic Skills & Developmental/ Remedial Education (<i>job-seeking skills, career exploration, second language learning, Workforce Development & Training, Exam Prep, H.S. Equivalent Exam Prep</i>)	32.0101 – 32.0299

Immigrant Ed. → 33.xxxx
 Health & Safety → 34.xxxx
 Substantial Disabilities → 32.-37.
 Parenting → 34.xxxx
 Home Economics → 19., 36.xxxx
 Older Adults → 34. – 37.

Noncredit CIP codes include: 28, 32-37, 53, 60, 61.

Resources: NCES [CIP code list](#); CCCCO [Noncredit Course Data Elements](#).

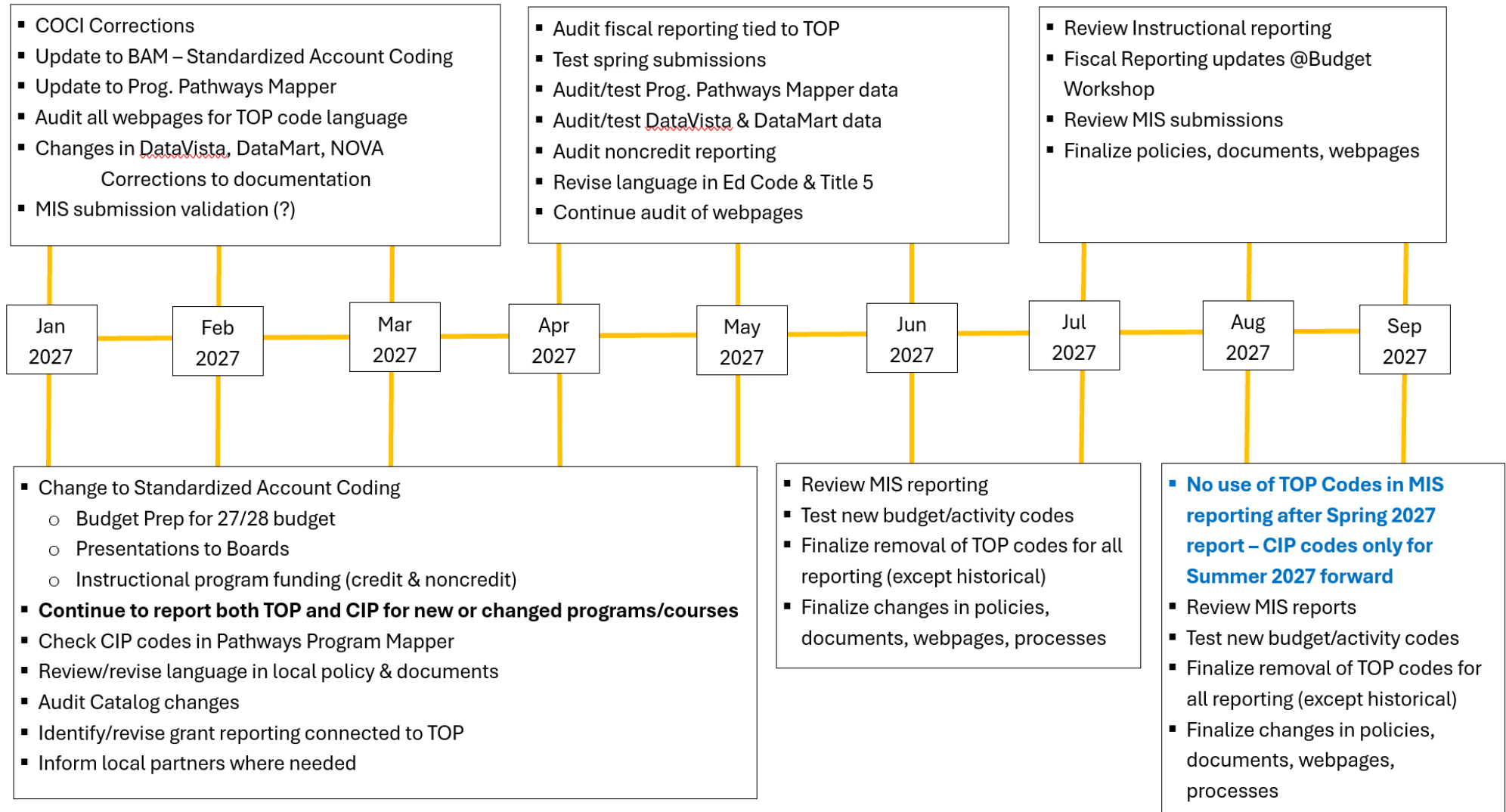
TOP to CIP Transition – STEP ONE (upload CIP codes into COCI)



TOP to CIP Transition – STEP TWO (After COCI CIP Code Submission)

Chancellor's Office

Local Districts/Colleges



TOP and CIP Dual Reporting

Colleges and districts will need to report both TOP and CIP

- THROUGH the spring 2027 reporting period
- Including any new or revised courses

During this transition, changes in CIP codes will not trigger a new Control Number

Important to REVIEW and CONFIRM CIP codes with the Crosswalk

Local Process

- TOP codes are embedded in policies, websites, documents, systems, fiscal activity codes, HR processes . . .
- Suggest districts and/or colleges form a local process or team to ensure all impacts are considered and milestones are set
 - Identify who will evaluate/select CIP codes from crosswalk
 - Identify/revise local systems, policies, reports, websites to remove TOP
 - Consider expedited local curriculum processes, where possible
- Chancellor's Office divisions will review individual challenges and help find solutions to meet the published deadlines

Impacted Systems and Partners

SYSTEMS & DATA

COCI

ASSIST

Program Pathways Mapper

MIS reporting

NOVA

Data Vista; Data Mart

FUSION

BAM/311/320/SCFF Reporting

Std. Attendance Accounting

Program Course Approval

Title 5 regulations - revision

PARTNERS

K12 Parters

CSUs & UCs

EDD/WIOA

COMMUNICATION

Faculty & Administrator PD

Evaluating CIP codes

CIP for Courses

Minimum qualifications

HR Processes

Impact on Local Systems

(degree audit, counseling, catalog,
websites, equivalencies,
substitutions, CPL, etc.)

Federal Gainful Employment

Chancellor's Office Curriculum Inventory System (COCI)

- CIP code field is currently available
 - COURSES
 - PROGRAMS
- COCI February 26th update
- December 31st final date for CIP code updates that will not result in a substantial change/new control number

MIS Implications

- MIS Fields with TOP Codes
 - CB03 for classifying course discipline
 - SP01 for discipline of award (degree or certificate)
 - SS02 and SS12 for student course of study (credit and noncredit)
 - Preferred to use Program Control Number (PCN)
 - EJ03 Employee assignment code
 - Holds both TOP and ASA codes depending on assignment
- Local processes and dashboards that use TOP will shift to CIP but likely will have both during the transition year

MIS Submission Process

- Term file submission considered due 30 days after end of term
- Files contain unitary data and are submitted by the district
- Data must pass syntactical, referential, and quality checks
- Data can be resubmitted to correct errors and/or omissions
- For more information: <https://webdata.cccco.edu/mis.htm>

MIS, COCI, local SIS...oh my

- MIS will do a clean switch from TOP codes to CIP codes
- COCI already accepts both CIP and TOP but eventually TOP will be obsolete
- Local SIS / curriculum management systems will have to hold both TOP and CIP and manage the data flow and ensure alignment among these systems

Managing TOP to CIP Locally

- Build a cross-functional team
 - Instruction / curriculum
 - Facilities (for FUSION reporting)
 - Business office / payroll
 - Institutional Research
 - Information Technology
 - Others?
- Meet regularly
- Map out tasks and timelines
- Share the fun!



Fiscal Standards Implications

What does the Transition Mean?



TOP IS GOING AWAY



CIP IS THE NEW COMMON FRAMEWORK
FOR FISCAL REPORTING OF
INSTRUCTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES IN THE CCFS-
311Q AND CCFS-311



BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING MANUAL
WILL ALIGN TO THE NEW CIP CODES FOR
ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES.



THE FISCAL STANDARD TIMELINE
REFLECTS FISCAL REPORT PROCESS.

Budgeting and Accounting Manual (BAM) 2024 Code Structure:

Classification of Activities (Current)

Instructional Activities

- Defined in the Taxonomy of Programs(TOP) manual
- For State fiscal purposes, districts use a four-digit account code:
 - First two digits: TOP discipline code.
 - Last two digits: Zero placeholders.
- Local level: Must maintain TOP detail to four or six positions for all direct instructional activities.

Administrative & Support Activities (ASA)

- Defined in the Budget and Accounting Manual.
- For State fiscal purposes, districts use a four-digit account code comprised of the ASA codes.
- Local level: Subsidiary activity categories should be created locally.

Budget and Accounting Manual Overview

Instructional Activity Codes

Changes:

- The transition from the current Taxonomy of Program (TOP) Codes to the 2020 Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Codes will require the following changes:
 - Instructional activity names
 - add and delete instructional activity names and codes
 - Changes to the CCFS-311 to reflect all the above

Suggested Changes:

- Expenditures incurred for instructional activities are currently classified by controlling accounts 0100-5900. Suggested changes:
 - Expand controlling accounts from a four-digit structure to six-digits
 - Include sub-controlling accounts

We are working with our stakeholder and advisory groups to review our draft recommendations and gather feedback on challenges they foresee.

Budget and Accounting Manual Overview (cont.)

Administrative and Support Activity Codes

Changing:

- Expand the zeros to align with changes to instructional codes.

• **Suggested Changes:**

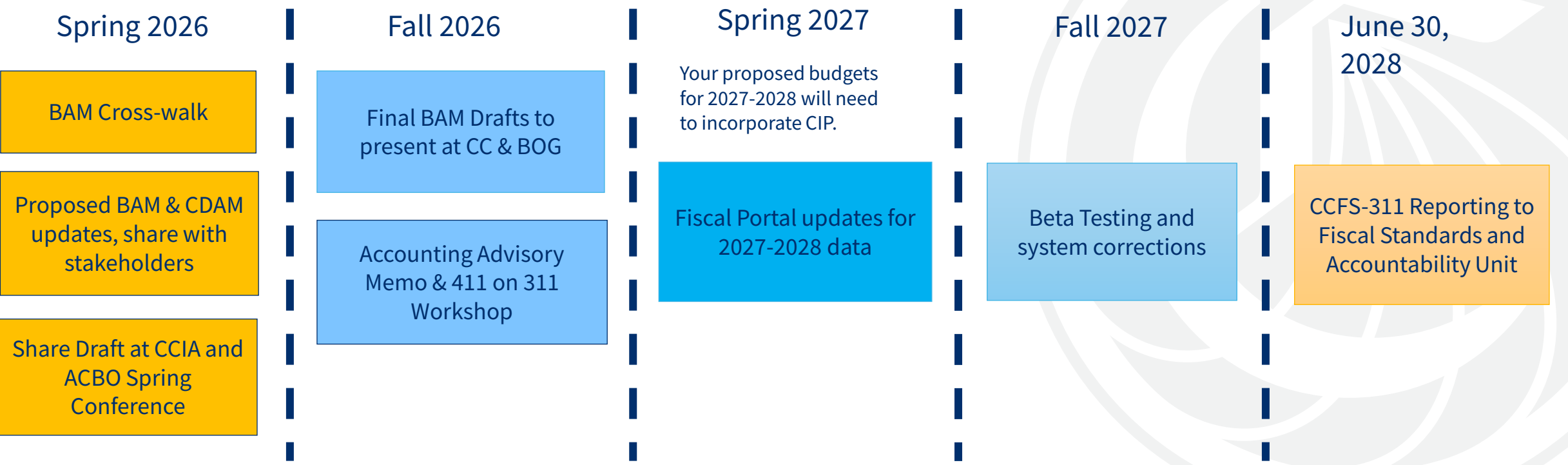
- Add new codes for areas that are being tracked
- Add major categories for Vision-Aligned Report (VAR)
- Clarify expenditures for consistency between districts
- Clarify language for release time and stipends paid to FT Faculty

The TOP to CIP workgroup, identified that the 6000s four-digit series CIPs are related to residency programs which are not applicable to California Community Colleges.

Focus on Fiscal Standards and Accounting Unit

Proposed Timeline Roadmap

Goal: The California Community Colleges system will be transitioning to the Classification of Instructional programs (CIP) code by **Fall 2027**.



Fiscal Year:
2026-2027

Fiscal Year:
2027-2028

Fiscal Year:
2028-2029

Resources

- CO Data Element Dictionary
- <https://webdata.cccco.edu/mis.htm>
- CCN Project
- <https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/common-course-numbering-project>
- CO Resources for Researchers
- <https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Research-Analytics-Data/data-resources>
- Centers of Excellence Resources
- <https://coeccc.net/our-resources/>
- ASCCC TOP CIP SOC SB Code Alignment Presentation, July 12, 2024
- https://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/2024CI_BS7_TOP_CIP_SOC_CB_Codes_and_Applying_TOP_Code_Alignment_Principles_Throughout_All_Curriculum.pptx
- NCES CIP SOC Crosswalk
- <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/post3.aspx?y=56>

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