

# TOP to CIP Transition Updates

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# Revised Deadlines

Full Transition to CIP codes Only:

➤ **Following Spring 2028 Reporting Period**

All Instructional CIP codes submitted/reviewed in COCI:

➤ **June 30, 2027**

➤ *Some CIP codes need to go into COCI now – REVIEW/REVISE after September*

All fiscal updates revised: **June 30, 2028**

# Differences between CIP and TOP

- CIP code definitions are **federally assigned**. We can only map to them.
- 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 academic:**
  - “A program that prepares individuals for . . .”
  - “A program that focuses on . . .”
- **Noncredit programs** include this description:
  - “This CIP code is not valid for IPEDS reporting”

# Current Status

- **MAY 18<sup>th</sup> – Crosswalk Locked to requests**
  - Requests under review – Will send notice when finalized
- **Interface tool** built into COCI with Crosswalk
  - Dropdown CIP code options for TOP codes
  - Tested in July/August
  - Published in September
  - **Colleges have until June 30, 2027 to submit CIP codes**
- **ALL CIP codes** must be re-entered or verified: September - June
- **ADTs and Common Course Numbers** assigned common CIP codes  
(CO & ASCCC faculty workgroup drafted CIP codes – review when Crosswalk is completed)

To qualify as a **Career and Technical Education (CTE)** program under the **Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V)**, a program must provide a "sequence of courses" that integrates rigorous academic and technical knowledge to prepare students for "high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand occupations" (20 U.S.C. § 2302(5)).

While these programs are increasingly designed to transfer into four-year degrees via articulation agreements, federal law mandates they remain primarily focused on labor market entry; **a program that lacks the specific technical instruction required for immediate employment fails to meet the statutory definition of CTE**, regardless of its transferability (20 U.S.C. § 2301; 20 U.S.C. § 2355).

# CIP codes for Courses

- Crosswalk won't map every combination of TOP to CIP for courses
- Colleges will choose course CIP codes:
  - Try to stay in the same 4-digit CIP (unless interdisciplinary)
  - CO will audit program and course CIP codes for consistency
- SAM code changes will no longer require a substantial change
  - Colleges should review and revise SAM codes
  - CO will publish a clarified list of SAM code
  - CO will audit SAM code assignments to track consistency across System

# Review **2020** CIP Code List

- Process for requested CIP code mappings *after* Crosswalk is locked
- Multiple options for most TOP codes
- Focus on the CIP code description

# Noncredit CIP Codes

- **Noncredit Vocational ESL** (VESL course uses ESL code: 32.0109 *plus* add'l code indicating program area (e.g., 51.0801 Medical/Clinical Assistant))
- **Noncredit CIP codes are between 32. and 37., and 53.**
- **Noncredit Programs/Courses** have limited CIP code options  
Colleges submit Noncredit CIP *plus* an additional credit CIP code indicating program area

# Work Experience courses for CTE programs should be connected to a program of study

e.g.: 46.0101 (Masonry program)  
46.0101(Masonry WE course) + CB10

Non-CTE Work Experience courses:  
may follow the same guidance *or* use 'General Work Experience': CIP 24.0102

There are no Guidance *Programs* in CIP.

4 CIP code options for Guidance courses:

- First Year Experience course:** *CIP 30.0000*
- Academic Guidance/Ed Planning course:** *CIP 24.0102*
- Career Guidance course:** *CIP 13.1102*
- Study Skills/Other Guidance:** *CIP 13.1199*

# CCC CIP Code List

When Crosswalk is finalized –

Full CIP code list identifying CTE, non-CTE,  
noncredit CIP codes

# Resources

[TOP to CIP Transition Webpage](#) (includes FAQs)

National Center for Education Statistics [CIP CODE List](#)

*\*\* Check for 2020 list*

[TOP to CIP Crosswalk](#) (requires a Google account to log in)

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# Questions

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