



California Community Colleges

TOP to CIP Transition

September 2026 UPDATES

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TOP to CIP Transition – Key Dates

Current:

- Crosswalk, CCC CIP Taxonomy finalized & published (400+ TOP-CIP codes reviewed)
- Ongoing office hours, individual meetings w/colleges

October 9, 2026:

- TOP to CIP COCI Interface coded, tested, and operational
- CB09 (SAM) codes published/Sub-change requirement removed
- Colleges submit CIP codes into COCI (through June 30, 2027)

July 2027 – July 2028:

- CIP codes reviewed in COCI and Fiscal Account codes revised
- TOP codes completely discontinued: *Following summer 2028 reporting period*

One-to-Many Conversion

CIP codes are more granular than TOP, supporting a more accurate code assignment to programs and courses

- CIP: 2,260 CIP codes in 48 two-digit categories
- TOP: 1000+ TOP codes in 24 categories

Additional Information

- **All CIP codes** should be reviewed for programs and courses
- Chancellor's Office will have a **validation process** for colleges to verify codes are correct
- **CTE Designation** *may* change. Associated funding will not change until after the summer 2028 reporting period
- **New requests** to map TOP code to CIP will be reviewed individually

Substantial Change (October 9th)

- **CIP** code changes will not trigger substantial change
- **SAM** code changes will not trigger substantial change
- **TOP** code changes *WILL* trigger substantial change

MIS Reporting

Colleges are responsible for tracking and reporting **both TOP and CIP codes for MIS** through summer the 2028 reporting period

CIP Code Assignment

- Several dozen CIP codes labeled “BOTH” (or “either/or”)
 - Each college will determine whether “CTE” or “not-CTE”
 - That designation will stay with the program/course for all future tracking/reporting/funding
 - CTE will require labor market data and advisory committee

Noncredit CIP Assignments

All noncredit programs/courses must be assigned a noncredit CIP code

CTE-Eligible:

- Skills-based noncredit (short-term vocational): 32.0111
- Workforce Prep: 32.0107

CDCP-Eligible:

- ESL, Elementary & Secondary Basic Skills, Short-Term Voc, Workforce Prep

Supervised Tutoring: 32.0101

Secondary Data Cell for Noncredit

Because Short-Term Vocational has a *SINGLE CIP CODE*:

COCI will have an **additional data cell** to identify the corresponding credit CIP

- **Leave blank if not needed**
- **For internal tracking** (*Noncredit is not reported to IPEDS*)
- **VESL courses:** use noncredit ESL (32.0109) + program CIP in secondary data cell

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*

ADTs and Common Course Numbering

- Memo and CIP assignments emailed to CIOs (and Curriculum Specialists)
- **Entered centrally** in COCI by the Chancellor's Office by October 9, 2026

SAM Code Recommendations

Revisions for formatting and clarity only

No changes to the substance of definitions

Published and untethered as sub-change – Oct 9th

Resources

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

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

*** Check for 2020 list*

[CCC Classification of Instructional Programs \(CIP\) Taxonomy](#)

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

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