



California Community Colleges

TOP to CIP Transition October 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.
 - You may choose to leave current CIP codes as they are. All codes will be reviewed in July 2027. Changes at that time will require a substantial change.
- **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 in December 2026 and May 2027

What If I Don't Find the CIP Code We Need?

The TOP to CIP mapping provides appropriate CIP code options for most programs and courses.

If you need a TOP to CIP mapping that doesn't exist FOR PROGRAMS, email your request and justification to top2cip@cccco.edu.

Requests will be reviewed for additional mapping in **December 2026 and May 2027.**

Clarification: No CIP Code Match for COURSES

CIP codes for Courses: The Crosswalk does not map every potential CIP code to current TOP codes. It is focused on mappings for programs as there were too many options to create a coherent course map.

We want you to select the most appropriate CIP code for your courses. You must use the curated list in COCI for PROGRAMS. If you do not see the CIP code you think is appropriate for a COURSE, you should follow these steps:

Back out the TOP code as listed

- This will make available the full list of CIP codes

Identify the COURSE CIP that is believed to be the most accurate. (CTE/Non-CTE designation is already attached to every CIP code)

- This will *not* cause a substantial change *IF* there is no current mapping to the TOP code

IF the CIP is already mapped to a different TOP code, you will get an error. To resolve the error there are 2 choices:

- Revert back to one of the listed CIP codes associated with the current assigned TOP code
- Change to the TOP code that is mapped to the newly identified CIP code – this will result in a substantial change.

If there is no existing TOP code, re-enter the TOP code originally associated with your Control Number

- If there is no current TOP to CIP mapping, this will *not* cause a substantial change

The Chancellor's Office will review all CIP codes after June 2027

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 **TOP codes for MIS reporting** through the summer 2028 reporting period

CIP Code Assignment

- Several dozen CIP codes labeled “BOTH”
- Each college may 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 *ONLY*

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

→ Specific courses designed for individual programs will better meet those program learning outcomes

Non-CTE Work Experience courses:
may follow the same guidance *or* use 'General Work Experience': CIP 24.0199

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

MIS Reporting

- Between now and after the summer 2028 reporting period, colleges should **report only TOP codes in MIS**.
- *Recommended:* maintain a local TOP to CIP mapping as you will submit CIP codes in COCI.
- After summer 2028 reporting, MIS will move to using only CIP codes. TOP codes will no longer be used after this point.

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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