

Carnegie Classification Code Definitions*

This year, the Higher Education Directory lists the updated 2010 Carnegie Classifications. The 2010 Classification update retains the same structure of classifications initially adopted in 2005. Due to space limitation, the *Higher Education Directory*® only lists the original classification framework—now called the basic classification—which was substantially revised in 2005. These new codes are listed below:

Associate's Colleges: Includes institutions where all degrees are at the associate's level, or where bachelor's degrees account for less than 10 percent of all undergraduate degrees. Excludes institutions eligible for classification as Tribal Colleges or Special Focus Institutions.

Assoc/Pub-R-S: Associate's — Public Rural-serving Small
Assoc/Pub-R-M: Associate's — Public Rural-serving Medium
Assoc/Pub-R-L: Associate's — Public Rural-serving Large
Assoc/Pub-S-SC: Associate's — Public Suburban-serving Single Campus
Assoc/Pub-S-MC: Associate's — Public Suburban-serving Multicampus
Assoc/Pub-U-SC: Associate's — Public Urban-serving Single Campus
Assoc/Pub-U-MC: Associate's — Public Urban-serving Multicampus
Assoc/Pub-Spec: Associate's — Public Special Use
Assoc/PrivNFP: Associate's — Private Not-for-profit
Assoc/PrivFP: Associate's — Private For-profit
Assoc/Pub2in4: Associate's — Public 2-year Colleges under Universities
Assoc/Pub4: Associate's — Public 4-year, Primarily Associate's
Assoc/PrivNFP4: Associate's — Private Not-for-profit 4-year, Primarily Associate's
Assoc/PrivFP4: Associate's — Private For-profit 4-year, Primarily Associate's

Doctorate-granting Universities. Includes institutions that award at least 20 doctoral degrees per year (excluding doctoral-level degrees that qualify recipients for entry into professional practice, such as the JD, MD, PharmD, DPT, etc.). Excludes Special Focus Institutions and Tribal Colleges.

RU/VH: Research Universities (very high research activity)
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DRU: Doctoral/Research Universities

Master's Colleges and Universities. Includes institutions that award at least 50 master's degrees per year. Excludes Special Focus Institutions and Tribal Colleges.

Master's/L: Master's Colleges and Universities (larger programs)
Master's/M: Master's Colleges and Universities (medium programs)
Master's/S: Master's Colleges and Universities (smaller programs)

Baccalaureate Colleges. Includes institutions where baccalaureate degrees represent at least 10 percent of all undergraduate degrees and that award fewer than 50 master's degrees or fewer than 20 doctoral degrees per year. Excludes Special Focus Institutions and Tribal Colleges.

Bac/A&S: Baccalaureate Colleges — Arts & Sciences
Bac/Diverse: Baccalaureate Colleges — Diverse Fields
Bac/Assoc: Baccalaureate/Associate's Colleges

Special Focus Institutions. Institutions awarding baccalaureate or higher-level degrees where a high concentration of degrees is in a single field or set of related fields. Excludes Tribal Colleges.

Spec/Faith: Theological seminaries, Bible colleges, and other faith-related institutions
Spec/Medical: Medical schools and medical centers
Spec/Health: Other health profession schools
Spec/Engg: Schools of engineering
Spec/Tech: Other technology-related schools
Spec/Bus: Schools of business and management
Spec/Arts: Schools of art, music, and design
Spec/Law: Schools of law
Spec/Other: Other special-focus institutions

Tribal Colleges. Colleges and universities that are members of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, as identified in IPEDS Institutional Characteristics.

Tribal: Tribal Colleges

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