

ELEMENT TITLE:

Degree Sought

DEFINITION: The student's most recent status in pursuing a formal award indicating either the level of degree being sought or non-degree seeking. This is the 2009 standard.

FORMAT: numeric – 2 digits

CODES:

- 00 = unknown
- 01 = private career school diploma/certificate undergraduate
- 10 = lower division certificate
- 20 = associate
- 30 = upper division certificate
- 40 = bachelors
- 47 = non-degree undergraduate
- 50 = post-baccalaureate certificate
- 60 = masters
- 65 = post-masters certificate
- 70 = certificate of advanced study
- 81 = doctorate research/scholarship
- 85 = doctorate professional practice
- 86 = doctorate other
- 87 = non-degree graduate
- 99 = multiple major (DIS only)

COMMENTS: This code used in degree sought varies between different MHEC reporting systems prior to 2009. Please review the system manual to determine correct coding or refer to DD30.1. Postmasters certificate added in 2010 collection but not for degrees.

RELATED TO: Program Taxonomy code, together make up academic program code
GLOSSARY: FORMAL AWARD, NON-DEGREE SEEKING, DEGREE SEEKING, ASSOCIATE, BACHELORS, LOWER DIVISION CERTIFICATE, UPPER DIVISION CERTIFICATE, POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE, CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY, DOCTORATE RESEARCH/SCHOLARSHIP, DOCTORATE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, DOCTORATE OTHER, PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL/DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE, POST-MASTERS CERTIFICATE

SYSTEMS: DIS, EIS
SYSNAME: DEGREE

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Comparison of the degree sought field coding up to the 2009 collection which is prior to the 2010 revisions starting in 2009. Revised for post-masters certificate in 2010.

Degree Sought	OLD EIS from inst. Prior 09	OLD DIS from inst. Prior 09	TSS and HGS from inst. Unchanged	NEW for all starting in 2009, revised for 2010
Unknown	00	00	00	00
Lower Division Certificate	01	01	10	10
Associate	02	02	20	20
Upper Division Certificate	07	07	30	30
Bachelors	03	03	40	40
Non-Degree undergrad	10	n/a	47	47
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	08	08	50	50
Masters	04	04	60	60
Post-Masters Certificate	n/a	n/a	n/a	65
Certificate of Advance Study	12	09	n/a	70
Doctorate (OLD single category)	05	05	n/a	n/a
Doctorate (research and scholarship)	n/a	n/a	n/a	81
Doctorate (professional practice)	n/a	n/a	n/a	85
Doctorate (other)	n/a	n/a	n/a	86
Non-degree graduate	11	n/a	n/a	87
First-Professional	06	06	n/a	n/a
First-Professional Certificate	09	10	n/a	n/a
Non-degree first-professional	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Multiple majors	n/a	99	n/a	99

Degree Sought	OLD EIS inst. Prior 09	OLD DIS inst. Prior 09	TSS and HGS from inst. Unchanged	Internal systems coding prior 09	NEW for all starting in 2009	Program Inventory Coding (MASTER)
Unknown	00	00	00	00	00	00
Private Career School Diploma/Certificate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	01
Lower Division Certificate	01	01	10	01	10	10
Associate	02	02	20	02	20	20
Upper Division Certificate	07	07	30	03	30	30
Bachelors	03	03	40	04	40	40
Non-Degree undergrad	10	n/a	47	11	47	47
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	08	08	50	05	50	50
Masters	04	04	60	06	60	60
Post-Masters Certificate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	65
Certificate of Advance Study	12	09	70	07	70	70
Doctorate (OLD single category)	05	05	80	08	n/a	80
Doctorate (research and scholarship)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	81	81
Doctorate (professional practice)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	85	85
Doctorate (other)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	86	86
Non-degree graduate	11	n/a	87	12	87	87
First-Professional	06	06	90	09	n/a	90
First-Professional Certificate	09	10	95	10	n/a	95
Non-degree first-professional	n/a	n/a	97	n/a	n/a	97
Multiple majors	n/a	99	99	99	99	99