

Course of study—primary field of education, Tertiary Collection of Student Information code N[N(5)]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Tertiary Collection of Student Information primary field of education code
Synonymous names:	TCSI primary field of education code
METEOR identifier:	758195
Registration status:	Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Standard 30/08/2022
Definition:	The primary subject matter of a course of study, as represented by a code.
Context:	Tertiary Collection of Student Information (TCSI)
Data Element Concept:	Course of study—primary field of education
Value Domain:	Tertiary Collection of Student Information field of education code N[N(5)]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Identifier
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N(5)]
Maximum character length:	6

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Valid field of education code range from 010000 to 129999. Non-award courses, bridging for overseas trained professionals (BOTP) courses, Open Universities Australia (OUA) units, or cross-institutional studies are coded as 000000.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The field of education classification is used to describe the principal subject matter of higher education and VET courses and units of study. This is also referred to as the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED).

Its main purpose is to ensure courses, specialisations and units of study with the same or similar vocational emphasis are reliably classified as belonging to the same "field of education". It is used nationally in all administrative and survey collections which incorporate data on education by field.

For more information on the structure of the field of education classification, refer to the [Tertiary Collection of Student Information \(TCSI\) appendices, codes and tables](#).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Australian Government 2021. Tertiary Collection of Student Information: Field of Education code, Canberra. Viewed 10 August 2022.
www.tcsisupport.gov.au/element/461

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set [Course of study components cluster](#)
Specifications: [Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](#), Standard 30/08/2022