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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/23), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758193) |
| Value Domain: | [Tertiary Collection of Student Information field of education code N[N(5)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758189) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Identifier | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N(5)] | |
| Maximum character length: | 6 | |

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| 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](https://www.tcsisupport.gov.au/reporting/appendices#AppendixE). |
| 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](https://www.tcsisupport.gov.au/element/461) |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Course of study components cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758429)  [Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/23), Standard 30/08/2022 |