

New Degree Levels and Student Levels for Summer 2025

Beginning with the Summer 2025 Mid-Term (MT) 20261 Academic Data Collection, new degree levels and student levels will be added as valid values, and one degree level will be discontinued from the collection. These new values have been created to provide institutions with a more granular breakdown of the current Advanced Certificate Degree Level with Code of 'F' and provide corresponding student levels to assist with IPEDS reporting. Changes are outlined below.

Degree Level Changes

Discontinued beginning Summer 2025 MT

Code	Description	IPEDS Award Level	IPEDS Award Description
F	Advanced Certificate	06	Postbaccalaureate Certificate

New Valid Values beginning Summer 2025 MT

Code	Description	IPEDS Award Level	IPEDS Award Description
H	Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	06	Postbaccalaureate Certificate
L	Post-Master's Certificate	08	Post-Master's Certificate
R	Post-First Professional Certificate	08	Post-Master's Certificate

Student Level Changes

New Valid Values beginning Summer 2025 MT

Student Level Number	Description	DED Description
73	Post-Master's	Student who is seeking a post-master's certificate but who is not working toward a degree.
81	Post-First Professional	Student who is seeking a post-first professional certificate but who is not working toward a degree.

ITS will send out official communication regarding these changes and associated validations closer to the Summer 2025 MT collection. Institutions are also encouraged to

sign up for beta testing with ITS prior to the opening of the Summer 2025 MT collection.

In the meantime, Academic Affairs will be reaching out to your Provost's Office in March/April with a list of your Advanced Certificates that will need to be updated in Banner as well as on the Catalog of Authorized Academic Programs (previously known as Degrees & Majors Authorized or DMA). All programs requiring a degree level change will be processed in the Catalog of Authorized Academic Programs after Spring 2025 EOT Collection Close on May 21, 2025, yet prior to the Summer 2025 MT Census Date on July 8, 2025.

Banner updates should be processed for the Summer 2025 student enrollment data. Please note, since award data is collected for the Spring 2025 term during the Summer 2025 collection, you may receive ADC award errors for programs during the Summer 2025 MT & EOT collections. Errors related to program degree level changes as outlined in this document will be eligible for error relief since the degree level code of 'F' is valid for Spring 2025 awards.

Thank you for providing feedback on these changes throughout the Academic Data Governance Committee approval process whether it was through this committee, Registrar meetings, or RAC communications. These changes were approved at the August 21, 2024, Academic Data Governance Committee meeting.

As always, we appreciate all you do for the Academic Data Collection. Please contact us at support@usg.edu if you have any questions.