TOP Codes and Noncredit

What Is the TOP?

The [Taxonomy of Program (TOP)](#) is a system of numerical codes used at the state level to collect and report information on programs and courses, in different colleges throughout the state, that have similar outcomes. At the college level, local program titles often differ substantially from college to college. For example, one college has a program called "Mechanized Agriculture," another has a program called "Agriculture Engineering Technology," and a third has one called "Agriculture Equipment Operations & Maintenance." Because they have similar outcomes, information on all three is collected and reported at the state level under TOP code 0116.00, which carries the standardized title "Agricultural Power Equipment Technology." The TOP was designed to aggregate information about programs. However, a TOP code must also be assigned to every course in our system. Although the TOP does not contain as many specific choices as would a system designed for courses, each course should be given the TOP code that comes closest to describing the course content.

How are TOP Codes used in Noncredit?

There are valid TOP codes that must be assigned to each category of noncredit. If a course has a TOP code that isn't valid for a noncredit category, then the course cannot be in tat noncredit category. Please see below for details.

Valid TOP Codes for each Noncredit Category

ESL [English as a Second Language]

- 493084
- 493085
- 493086
- 493087
- 493100

Immigrant Education [Citizenship/Civic Education]

- 220120
- 220500
- 220700
- 493090

Elementary & Secondary Basic Skills

- 150100
- 152000
- 170100

- 170200
- 493009
- 493014
- 493030
- 493031
- 493032
- 493033
- 493060
- 493062

Health & Safety

- 083510
- 083570
- 083580
- 083700
- 089900
- 129900
- 130600
- 130630
- 139900
- 210400
- 210440
- 210450
- 210530
- 213300
- 219900

Substantial Disabilities

- ANY TOP Code

Parenting

- 130500-130590
- 130800

Home Economics/Family & Consumer Science

- 130100-139900

Older Adults

- ANY TOP Code

Short-term Vocational Program/Career Technical

- ANY VOCATIONAL TOP Code

Workforce Preparation

- ANY VOCATIONAL TOP Code or
- 493010
- 493011
- 493012
- 493013
- 493071
- 493072