

# The Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Locator Reference

## How to find CIP Codes



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# Overview

This reference will guide School Certifying Officials to locate the CIP Codes their school uses for Institutional Postsecondary Education Data Systems (IPEDS) reporting, ensuring the CIP code reported on VA program approval applications is the same.

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# Finding CIP Codes at Your Institution (Title IV Schools)

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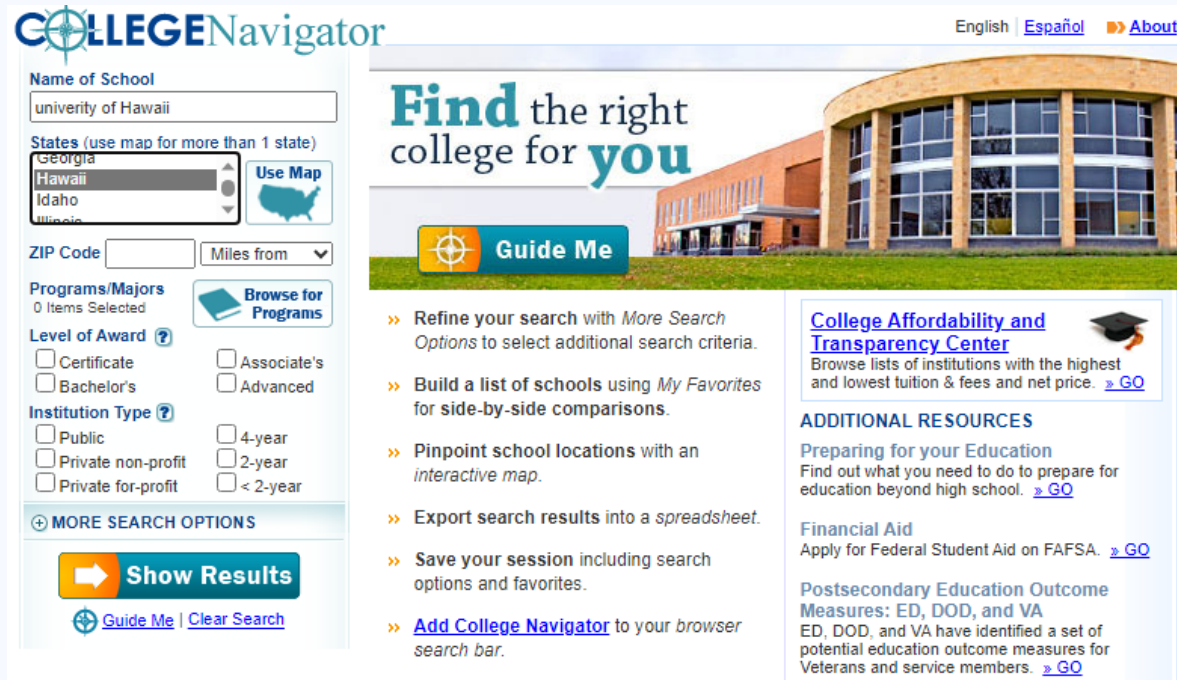


# Finding CIP Codes at Your Institution

If your Registrar or the Institutional Research Office is not available to assist in a timely manner, you may find CIP Codes yourself using your institutional IPEDS information. First, you'll want to find the programs at your school. You may do this by going to College Navigator and locating your school.

## College Navigator

### [College Navigator - National Center for Education Statistics](#)



**COLLEGE**Navigator

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Name of School  
university of Hawaii

States (use map for more than 1 state)  
Georgia  
Hawaii  
Idaho  
Illinois

ZIP Code Miles from

Programs/Majors  
0 Items Selected

Level of Award  
☐ Certificate  
☐ Bachelor's  
☐ Associate's  
☐ Advanced

Institution Type  
☐ Public  
☐ Private non-profit  
☐ Private for-profit  
☐ 4-year  
☐ 2-year  
☐ < 2-year

[MORE SEARCH OPTIONS](#)

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**Find the right college for you**

[Guide Me](#)

- » Refine your search with *More Search Options* to select additional search criteria.
- » Build a list of schools using *My Favorites* for side-by-side comparisons.
- » Pinpoint school locations with an *interactive map*.
- » Export search results into a *spreadsheet*.
- » Save your session including search options and favorites.
- » Add [College Navigator](#) to your browser search bar.

**College Affordability and Transparency Center**  
Browse lists of institutions with the highest and lowest tuition & fees and net price. [» GO](#)

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

**Preparing for your Education**  
Find out what you need to do to prepare for education beyond high school. [» GO](#)

**Financial Aid**  
Apply for Federal Student Aid on FAFSA. [» GO](#)

**Postsecondary Education Outcome Measures: ED, DOD, and VA**  
ED, DOD, and VA have identified a set of potential education outcome measures for Veterans and service members. [» GO](#)



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In this example, we'll select, UH- Manoa. Then, select the Programs/Majors section to open the dropdown of reported programs and majors.

We are using Biochemistry, but if you look at some of the other Program/Major categories, you can see just how many options that exist. This is why we want to make sure we get the school's code label.

Now that we know for sure, we're ready to search the CIP User guide.

**Name of School**  
university of Hawaii

**States (use map for more than 1 state)**  
Florida  
Georgia  
Hawaii

**ZIP Code**  **Miles from**


**Programs/Majors**  
0 Items Selected


**Level of Award**  
☐ Certificate ☐ Associate's  
☐ Bachelor's ☐ Advanced

**Institution Type**  
☐ Public ☐ 4-year  
☐ Private non-profit ☐ 2-year  
☐ Private for-profit ☐ < 2-year

**+ MORE SEARCH OPTIONS**

**Show Results**

Mousing over  gives you a brief description of a  
To see full details click the name of the institution.

Sort by:  [Name](#) [City](#) [State](#)

-  [University of Hawaii at Hilo](#)  
Hilo, Hawaii
-  [University of Hawaii at Manoa](#)  
Honolulu, Hawaii
-  [University of Hawaii Maui College](#)  
Kahului, Hawaii
-  [University of Hawaii-West Oahu](#)  
Kapolei, Hawaii
-  [University of Phoenix-Hawaii](#)  
Kapolei, Hawaii

### University of Hawaii at Manoa

2500 Campus Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822-2217

**General information:** (808) 956-8111  
**Website:** [manoa.hawaii.edu/](http://manoa.hawaii.edu/)  
**Type:** 4-year, Public  
**Awards offered:** Less than one year certificate  
One but less than two years certificate  
Bachelor's degree  
Postbaccalaureate certificate  
Master's degree  
Doctor's degree - research/scholarship  
Doctor's degree - professional practice  
**Campus setting:** City: Large  
**Campus housing:** Yes  
**Student population:** 19,074 (14,198 undergraduate)  
**Student-to-faculty ratio:** 14 to 1

[Expand All](#) [Collapse All](#)

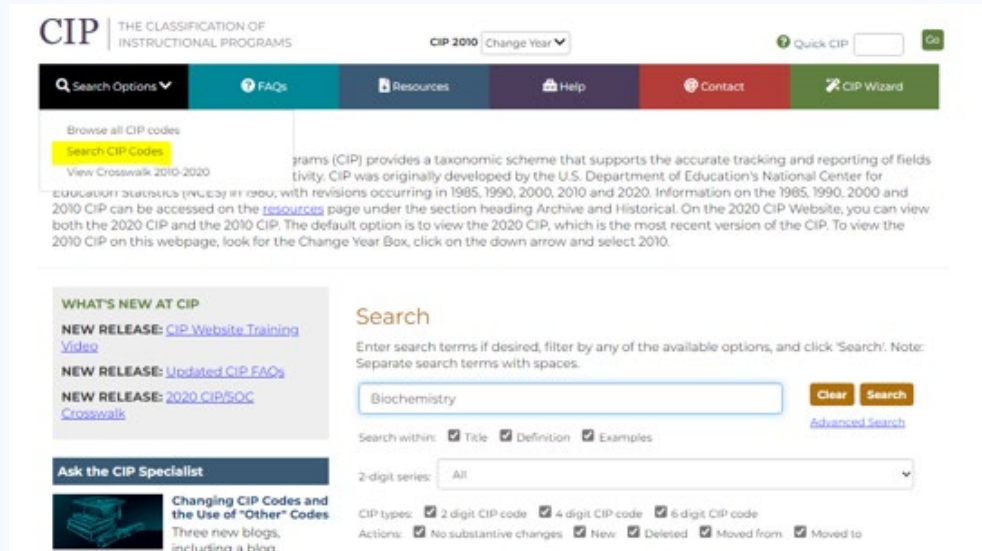
- [+ GENERAL INFORMATION](#)
- [+ TUITION, FEES, AND ESTIMATED STUDENT EXPENSES](#)
- [+ FINANCIAL AID](#)
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- [+ PROGRAMS/MAJORS](#)
- [+ SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS](#)

PROGRAM	UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE	BACHELOR
Agricultural/Animal/Plant/Veterinary Science and Related Fields		
Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture	-	7
Animal Sciences, General	-	27
Food Science	-	-
Soil Sciences, Other	-	1
Category total	-	35
Architecture and Related Services		
Architecture	-	-
City/Urban, Community, and Regional Planning	-	-
Environmental Design/Architecture	-	43
Landscape Architecture	-	-
Category total	-	43
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies		
American Indian/Native American Studies	-	36
American/United States Studies/Civilization	-	6
Asian Studies/Civilization	-	8
Ethnic, Cultural Minority, Gender, and Group Studies, Other	-	16
Pacific Area/Pacific Rim Studies	-	4
Women's Studies	-	18 <sup>d</sup>
Category total	-	88 <sup>d</sup>
Biological and Biomedical Sciences		
Biochemistry	-	23
Biology/Biological Sciences, General	-	131





# CIP User Site- Biochemistry 26.0202



The screenshot shows the CIP User Site interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Search Options, FAQs, Resources, Help, Contact, and CIP Wizard. Below this, there's a section for 'Browse all CIP codes' with a search bar and a 'View Crosswalk 2010-2020' link. The main content area is titled 'WHAT'S NEW AT CIP' and lists several new releases: 'CIP Website Training Video', 'Updated CIP FAQs', and '2020 CIP SOC Crosswalks'. Below this, there's a 'Search' section with a search bar containing 'Biochemistry'. The search results show '26.0202' highlighted in a red box.

Here we see why it was important to get the school's listing, as there are multiple options for Biochemistry listed.

Because we looked at College Navigator first, we know our CIP Code for this program is 26.0202 for the VA Uniform Application.

<a href="#">Biochemical Engineering.</a>	A program that prepares individuals to apply mathematical and scientific principles to the study of biochemical processes in living organisms, properties of biological materials, and processes using biochemical agents such as cells, enzymes, and antibodies. Includes instruction in biology, chemistry, physics, <b>biochemistry</b> , thermodynamics, fluid dynamics, bioprocesses, and chemical engineering.	★	14.4301
<a href="#">Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology, Other.</a>	Any instructional program in <b>biochemistry</b> , biophysics and molecular biology not listed above.	🔍	26.0299
<a href="#">Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology.</a>	Instructional content for this group of programs is defined in codes 26.0202 - 26.0299.	🔍	26.02
<a href="#">Biochemistry.</a>	A program that focuses on the scientific study of the chemistry of living systems, their fundamental chemical substances and reactions, and their chemical pathways and information transfer systems, with particular reference to carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, and nucleic acids. Includes instruction in bio-organic chemistry, protein chemistry, bioanalytical chemistry, bioseparations, regulatory <b>biochemistry</b> , enzymology, hormonal chemistry, calorimetry, and research methods and equipment operation.	🔍	26.0202
<a href="#">Biochemistry/Biophysics and Molecular Biology.</a>	A program of study that combines the biological sub-disciplines of <b>biochemistry</b> and molecular biology. Includes instruction in general biology, general and organic chemistry, physics, <b>biochemistry</b> , molecular biology, immunology, microbiology, genetics, and cellular biology.	🔍	26.0210

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[CIP user site \(ed.gov\)](https://www.ed.gov/cip)



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# Finding CIP Codes (Non-Title IV Schools)

☐ CIP User Site





# Finding CIP Codes

Finding CIP Codes is not intuitive. You can find the subject, easily, but you still need the number. Here we will show you how to find a CIP Code for a program that is not used in IPEDS reporting. For example, non-accredited or NCD programs.

You may use either the screen shown in the image, or you may select 'Search CIP Codes' in the dropdown.

## CIP User site

- <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

The screenshot shows the CIP website with the following elements:

- Header:** "CIP | THE CLASSIFICATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS". On the right, there is a "CIP 2010" label with a "Change Year" dropdown menu, a "Quick CIP" search box, and a "Go" button.
- Navigation Bar:** A series of colored buttons: "Search Options" (black), "FAQs" (teal), "Resources" (blue), "Help" (purple), "Contact" (red), and "CIP Wizard" (green).
- Search Options Dropdown:** A menu is open under "Search Options" showing three items: "Browse all CIP codes", "Search CIP Codes" (highlighted in yellow), and "View Crosswalk 2010-2020".
- Main Content Area:** Contains introductory text about CIP: "The Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) provides a taxonomic scheme that supports the accurate tracking and reporting of fields of study... CIP was originally developed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in 1980, with revisions occurring in 1985, 1990, 2000, 2010 and 2020. Information on the 1985, 1990, 2000 and 2010 CIP can be accessed on the [resources](#) page under the section heading Archive and Historical. On the 2020 CIP Website, you can view both the 2020 CIP and the 2010 CIP. The default option is to view the 2020 CIP, which is the most recent version of the CIP. To view the 2010 CIP on this webpage, look for the Change Year Box, click on the down arrow and select 2010."
- WHAT'S NEW AT CIP:** A section with three links: "NEW RELEASE: [CIP Website Training Video](#)", "NEW RELEASE: [Updated CIP FAQs](#)", and "NEW RELEASE: [2020 CIP/SOC Crosswalk](#)".
- Search Section:** Titled "Search", it includes the instruction "Enter search terms if desired, filter by any of the available options, and click 'Search'. Note: Separate search terms with spaces." Below this is a large search input box, "Clear" and "Search" buttons, and a link to "Advanced Search".
- Filters:** A "Search within:" section with three checked checkboxes: "Title", "Definition", and "Examples".



# Nail Technician

**CIP** | THE CLASSIFICATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

CIP 2010 Change Year ▼

? Quick CIP  Go

🔍 Search Options ▼ 🔗 FAQs 📄 Resources 🏠 Help @ Contact 🧙 CIP Wizard

## Search

Enter search terms if desired, filter by any of the available options, and click 'Search'. Note: Separate search terms with spaces.

Clear Search

[Advanced Search](#)

Search within: ☒ Title ☒ Definition ☒ Examples

2-digit series: All ▼

CIP types: ☒ 2 digit CIP code ☒ 4 digit CIP code ☒ 6 digit CIP code

Actions: ☒ No substantive changes ☒ New ☒ Deleted ☒ Moved from ☒ Moved to



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# Nail Technician- 12.0410

The search returned 6 results, but this page was cropped to show the applicable results.

6 records found. Viewing page 1 of 1

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Text Changed ?	Title	Definition	Action ?	CIP Code ?	Moved To / Report Under ? (2010)	Moved From ? (2000)
	<a href="#">Cosmetology, Barber/Styling, and Nail Instructor.</a>	A program that prepares cosmetologists, barbers, stylists, <b>nail</b> technicians, and other grooming specialists to teach their specializations in licensed and accredited schools of cosmetology and barbering, and to prepare for licensure as instructors. Includes instruction in cosmetology arts and sciences teaching principles; student learning styles; professional curricula development; instructional planning; instructional methods and aids; student counseling and career assistance; test development; and classroom/clinic management.		12.0413		
	<a href="#">Nail Technician/Specialist and Manicurist.</a>	A program that prepares individuals to shape fingernails and toenails, remove unwanted skin and blemishes, apply polish and cosmetics to <b>nails</b> , and function as licensed manicurists or <b>nail</b> technicians/specialists. Includes instruction in manicuring theory; skin anatomy; <b>nail</b> growth, irregularities, and diseases; sterilization and sanitation; equipment and table maintenance; cuticle, blemish, and rough skin removal; <b>nail</b> filing, shaping, and polishing; cream application and extremity massage; <b>nail</b> sculpture and design art; product storage and use; customer service; laws and regulations; and business practices.		12.0410		

