IPEDS Workshop: Continuous Changes in Federal Reporting

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Intended Outcomes

- Workshop participants will
  - Understand the process used for changing IPEDS reporting
  - Receive an overview of changes to IPEDS reporting requirements for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 cycles
  - Have an opportunity to interact with panelists on issues related to IPEDS reporting

Introduction

- Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) reporting is mandatory for all institutions participating in federal student financial aid programs under Title IV

- Failure to comply with IPEDS reporting requirements may result in fines of up to $35,000 per survey

Introduction (cont'd)

- Changes to IPEDS follow a set review and approval process

- When feasible, NCES includes a "preview year" before changes are mandatory

- Preview year is optional

IPEDS Change Process in a Nutshell

Changes for 2014-15

Institutional Characteristics (IC)
Fall Collection

- **Rationale for change:**
  - Veterans Technical Review Panel (TRP) identified need for **information about services available to veterans**

  - Academic Libraries TRP identified need to **re-integrate Academic Libraries Survey into IPEDS**

Institutional Characteristics (IC)
Fall Collection

- Rationale for change (cont'd):
  - Public comments and NCES review of the **estimated enrollment data** questioned the data's
    - **Quality**
    - **Usefulness**

Institutional Characteristics (IC)
Fall Collection

- Rationale for change (cont'd):
  - Calendar TRP proposed **moving admissions data to a separate component to make the data more useful** in the Data Center
    - **Only one reporting period in each data file**
    - **Allows admissions data to be used in Trend Generator**

    Note: Institutions with open admissions policy will not be required to complete the new Admissions (ADM) component.

Institutional Characteristics (IC)

Fall Collection

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment
Added	Item on Veterans Services: Which of the following are available to veterans, military service members, or their families? • Post-9/11 GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program • Credit for military training • Dedicated point of contact for support services for veterans, military service members, and their families • Recognized student veteran organization • Member of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges • URL for tuition policies specifically related to veterans and military service members	2014-15	2013-14	*From Veterans TRP*

Institutional Characteristics (IC)

Fall Collection

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment
Added	Screening question on Academic Libraries What are your annual total library expenditures? • If annual total library expenditures = 0 there is no additional reporting. • If annual total library expenditures >0, the institution will submit the new Academic Libraries component, as described in the Academic Libraries section below.	2014-15	2013-14	*From Academic Libraries TRP* New Academic Libraries component for institutions meeting criteria

Institutional Characteristics (IC)

Fall Collection

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment
Deleted	Estimated Enrollment items	2014-15		*From NCES public comments*
Deleted	Items related to admissions information	2014-15		*From Calendar TRP* Moving to new Admissions component that will be added to the Winter collection for institutions that do not have open admissions.

Student Financial Aid (SFA)
Winter Collection

- Rationale for change:
  - Veterans Technical Review Panel (TRP) identified need for **information about services available to veterans**

  - Executive Order 13607 **requires NCES to collect and post**, on College Navigator, **information on the amount of funding received via the Post-9/11 Bill and Tuition Assistance Program**

Student Financial Aid (SFA)

Winter Collection

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment
Added	Item on students receiving Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits • Number of students • Total amount of tuition/fees benefits awarded	2014-15	2013-14	*From Veterans TRP*
Added	Item on students receiving DoD Tuition Assistance • Number of students • Total amount awarded	2014-15	2013-14	*From Veterans TRP*

Admissions (ADM)
Winter Collection

- **Rationale for change:**
  - Calendar TRP proposed **moving admissions data to a separate component to make the data more useful** in the Data Center
    - **Only one reporting period in each data file**
    - **Allows admissions data to be used in Trend Generator**

    Note: Institutions with open admissions policy will not be required to complete the new Admissions (ADM) component.

Admissions (ADM) *NEW*
Winter Collection

Institutions w/o Open Admissions

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment
Added	Items on admissions requirements: • Secondary school GPA • Secondary school rank • Secondary school record • Completion of college-preparatory program • Recommendations • Formal demonstration of competencies (e.g. portfolios, cert. of mastery, assess. Instruments, etc.) • Admission test scores (SAT/ACT, Other test scores, or TOEFL)	2014-15		*From Calendar TRP* Items were moved from IC to ADM. Winter collection enables all institutions to report most recent fall data. Only applies to institutions that do not have an open admissions policy. SAT/ACT scores will be reported with number/percent of students submitting scores and 25th/75th percentiles for each test.

Admissions (ADM) *NEW*
Winter Collection

Institutions w/o Open Admissions

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment
Added	Items on number of students admitted and enrolled • Number of applicants • Number of admissions • Number (of admitted) that enrolled full-time • Number (of admitted) that enrolled part-time	2014-15		*From Calendar TRP* Items were moved from IC to ADM. Winter collection enables all institutions to report most recent fall data. Only applies to institutions that do not have an open admissions policy.
Added	Item on test score requirements • SAT Critical Reading, Math, Writing • ACT composite, English, Math, Writing	2014-15		*From Calendar TRP* See above comment

Finance (F): For-Profit Form
Spring Collection

- Rationale for change:
  - Finance TRP recommended changes to the Finance component, primarily for For-Profit institutions using FASB forms
    - To **facilitate comparability** of financial data across institutional sectors
    - To **provide more transparency** around college costs and spending for all sectors
      - **Distribution of instructional expenses by expense type**
      - **Percentage of total revenue from federal grants**

Finance (F): For-Profit Form

For-Profit Institutions

Spring Collection

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment
Change	Separate out grants and contracts from federal appropriations	2014-15	2013-14	*From Finance TRP*
Change	Separate out grants and contracts from state and local government appropriations	2014-15	2013-14	*From Finance TRP*
Added	Add private gifts to private grants and contracts	2014-15	2013-14	*From Finance TRP*
Added	Add two revenue categories: hospital services and independent operations revenue	2014-15	2013-14	*From Finance TRP*

Finance (F): For-Profit Form

Spring Collection

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment
Change	Separate research and public service into two categories	2014-15	2013-14	*From Finance TRP*
Change	Separate academic support, student services and institutional support into three categories	2014-15	2013-14	*From Finance TRP*
Added	Add three expense categories: operation and maintenance of plant, hospital services, and independent operations	2014-15	2013-14	*From Finance TRP*

Finance (F): For-Profit Form
Spring Collection

For-Profit
Institutions

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment
Change	Changes to the way salaries and wages, employee fringe benefits, operations and maintenance, interest, depreciation, and all other categories are allocated.	2014-15	2013-14	*From Finance TRP*
Added	New screening question related to business structure	2014-15	2013-14	From Finance TRP
Change	Under Scholarships and Fellowships, separate out state and local grants	2014-15	2013-14	From Finance TRP

Finance (F): For-Profit Form

Spring Collection

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment
Added	Add new categories to Balance Sheet information	2014-15	2013-14	*From Finance TRP*

Academic Libraries (AL)
Spring Collection

- Rationale for change:
  - Academic Libraries TRP examined **feasibility of reintegrating the current biannual ALS into IPEDS** and recommended that ALS items be
    - **Reduced in number**
    - **Clarified in definition**
    - **Aligned with other IPEDS components**
    - **Collected annually instead of in even-numbered years**

Academic Libraries (AL) *NEW*

Spring Collection

Institutions w/Library Exp. >0

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment

Added	General items related to library collection and circulation information
	• Is the library collection entirely electronic?
	• Collect library collections counts, physical and digital/electronic, as applicable
	   • Books
	   • Databases
	   • Media
	• Circulation, physical and digital/electronic, as applicable
		2014-15	2013-14	*From Academic Libraries TRP*
				For degree-granting institutions with library expenditures > 0

Academic Libraries (AL) *NEW*

Spring Collection

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment
Added	General items related to library operations • Number of branch and independent libraries • Total salaries and wages • Are staff fringe benefits paid out of library budget? • Fringe benefit expenditures if paid by library budget • One-time purchases of books, serial backfiles and other materials • Ongoing commitments to subscriptions	2014-15	2013-14	*From Academic Libraries TRP* For degree-granting institutions with library expenditures > $100,000

Academic Libraries (AL) *NEW*

Spring Collection

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment
Added	General items related to library operations (cont'd) • Other information resources • Preservation services • All other operations and maintenance expenditures • Total interlibrary loans and documents provided to other libraries • Total interlibrary loans and documents received • Does your library support virtual reference services?	2014-15	2013-14	*From Academic Libraries TRP* For degree-granting institutions with library expenditures > $100,000

Changes for 2015-16

Outcome Measures (OM)
Winter Collection 2015-16

- **Rationale for change:**
  - Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 required DoE to **assist 2-year degree-granting institutions in meeting graduation rate disclosure requirement**
  - Committee on Measures of Student Success recommended
    - Broaden the coverage of student graduation data
    - Improve collection of student progression and completion data
    - Improve technical guidance to institutions
    - Encourage institutions to disclose comparable data on employment outcomes

Outcome Measures (OM)
Winter Collection 2015-16

- Rationale for change (cont'd):
  - Two TRPs reviewed feasibility of collecting outcome information and recommended new component
  - OM component designed to provide consumers, policymakers, and researchers
    - Context for graduation rates (as defined by Student Right to Know)
    - Alternative to graduation rates

Outcome Measures (OM)
Winter Collection 2015-16

- Outcomes data, as determined by TRP
  - Students, by cohort, who
    - **Received award**
    - **Did not receive award, still enrolled at reporting institution**
    - **Did not receive award, subsequently enrolled at another institution**
    - **Did not receive award, subsequent enrollment status unknown**

Outcome Measures (OM) *NEW*

Winter Collection

2yr & 4yr Degree-Granting Institutions

Change Type	Item	Year Required	Preview Year	Comment
Added	Collect outcome data by four cohorts of students: •FT, first-time •PT, first-time •FT, not first-time •PT, not first-time *(A total of students not receiving an award will be calculated.)* Outcome data for above cohorts after 6 and 8 years after entry. **The 2015-16 report will be based on the 2007 cohorts.**	2015-16	2014-15	*From Outcome Measures TRP* Required only for 2-year and 4-year degree-granting institutions. Not required for non-degree-granting institutions. Outcomes data will not be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, or gender.

Panel Discussion:

Issues Related to IPEDS

Panelists

- **Richard Batey**
  - Texas State University
- **Danica Frampton**
  - St. Edward's University
- **Jana Marak**
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Questions?