Briefing:

Carnegie Commission On Higher Education

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
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• NDSU President Dean L. Bresciani
About Carnegie Classification

- The Carnegie Classification has been the leading framework for recognizing and describing institutional diversity in U.S. higher education for the past four decades.

- Starting in 1970, the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education developed a classification of colleges and universities to support its program of research and policy analysis.

- Rankings are derived from empirical data on colleges and universities.

- The framework is widely used in the study of higher education, both as a way to objectively represent and control for institutional differences, and also in the design of research studies to ensure adequate representation of sampled institutions, students, or faculty.
Classification Descriptions

- All accredited, degree-granting colleges and universities in the United States represented in the National Center for Education Statistics IPEDS system are eligible for inclusion in the Carnegie Classifications.

- Accreditation status is based on information provided by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education.

- Doctoral
- Masters College and University
- Baccalaureate Colleges
- Associate Colleges
- Special Focus Institutions
- Tribal Colleges
Assoc/Pub-R-S: Associate's--Public Rural-serving Small
Assoc/Pub-R-M: Associate's--Public Rural-serving Medium
Assoc/Pub-R-L: Associate's--Public Rural-serving Large
Assoc/Pub-S-SC: Associate's--Public Suburban-serving Single Campus
Assoc/Pub-S-MC: Associate's--Public Suburban-serving Multicampus
Assoc/Pub-U-SC: Associate's--Public Urban-serving Single Campus
Assoc/Pub-U-MC: Associate's--Public Urban-serving Multicampus
Assoc/Pub-Spec: Associate's--Public Special Use
Assoc/PrivNFP: Associate's--Private Not-for-profit
Assoc/PrivFP: Associate's--Private For-profit
Assoc/Pub2in4: Associate's--Public 2-year colleges under 4-year universities
Assoc/Pub4: Associate's--Public 4-year Primarily Associate's
Assoc/PrivNFP4: Associate's--Private Not-for-profit 4-year Primarily Associate's
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RU/VH: Research Universities (very high research activity)
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DRU: Doctoral/Research Universities
Master's L: Master's Colleges and Universities (larger programs)
Master's M: Master's Colleges and Universities (medium programs)
Master's S: Master's Colleges and Universities (smaller programs)
Bac/A&S: Baccalaureate Colleges--Arts & Sciences
Bac/Diverse: Baccalaureate Colleges--Diverse Fields
Bac/Assoc: Baccalaureate/Associate's Colleges
Spec/Faith: Special Focus Institutions--Theological seminaries, Bible colleges, and other faith-related institutions
Spec/Med: Special Focus Institutions--Medical schools and medical centers
Spec/Health: Special Focus Institutions--Other health professions schools
Spec/Engg: Special Focus Institutions--Schools of engineering
Spec/Tech: Special Focus Institutions--Other technology-related schools
Spec/Bus: Special Focus Institutions--Schools of business and management
Spec/Arts: Special Focus Institutions--Schools of art, music, and design
Spec/Law: Special Focus Institutions--Schools of law
Spec/Other: Special Focus Institutions--Other special-focus institutions
Tribal: Tribal Colleges
Associate Colleges: Includes institutions where all degrees are at the associate's level, or where bachelor's degrees account for less than 10 percent of all undergraduate degrees. Excludes institutions eligible for classification as Tribal Colleges or Special Focus Institutions.

- Associate's--Public Rural-serving Small
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- Williston State College
- Lake Region State College; NDSCS
- Dakota College - Bottineau
- Bismarck State College
Baccalaureate Colleges: Includes institutions where baccalaureate degrees represent at least 10 percent of all undergraduate degrees and where fewer than 50 master's degrees or 20 doctoral degrees were awarded during the update year. (Some institutions above the master's degree threshold are also included; see Methodology.) Excludes Special Focus Institutions and Tribal Colleges.

• Baccalaureate Colleges--Arts & Sciences

• Baccalaureate Colleges--Diverse Fields

• Baccalaureate/Associate's Colleges

• Dickinson State University; Mayville State University; Valley City State University
Masters Colleges and Universities:
Generally includes institutions that awarded at least 50 master's degrees and fewer than 20 doctoral degrees during the update year (with occasional exceptions – see Methodology). Excludes Special Focus Institutions and Tribal Colleges.

- Master's Colleges and Universities (larger programs)
- Master's Colleges and Universities (medium programs)
- Master's Colleges and Universities (smaller programs)
- Minot State University
Doctoral: Includes institutions that awarded at least 20 research doctoral degrees during the update year (excluding doctoral-level degrees that qualify recipients for entry into professional practice, such as the JD, MD, PharmD, DPT, etc.). Excludes Special Focus Institutions and Tribal Colleges.

- Research Universities (very high research activity)
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- Doctoral/Research Universities
- NDSU
- UND
Questions?