

Data Initiatives Glossary

With this glossary, you can keep track of the key acronyms pertaining to data quality and sharing initiatives in education and workforce development.

CDEP	Certification Data Exchange Project	A pilot project to expand and improve data exchange between industry certification organizations and state longitudinal data systems. ACTE is part of the leadership team for this project.
CEDS	Common Education Data Standards	Voluntary, common data standards for a key set of education data elements. The standards are being developed by a working group under the Institute of Education Sciences.
CIP	Classification of Instructional Programs	This classification provides a taxonomic scheme that supports the accurate tracking and reporting of fields of study and program completions activity.
DQC	Data Quality Campaign	A national, collaborative effort to improve the availability and use of high-quality education data to improve student achievement.
DQI	Data Quality Institute	Annual event by the Office of Vocational and Adult Education to help states develop and implement Perkins IV data systems that yield valid, reliable and complete data.
CSSC	Classification of Secondary School Courses	Taxonomy and course descriptions for secondary education, designed to help schools and education agencies maintain longitudinal information.
FEDES	Federal Employment Data Exchange System	A voluntary effort to help states gain employment information for federal civilian and military employees for reporting purposes.
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	A federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.
GEMEnA	Interagency Working Group on Expanded Measures of Enrollment and Attainment	A group of federal agency representatives with the goal to add subbaccalaureate certificates, industry credentials, licenses and other measures of education and training to federal surveys.
IES	Institute of Education Sciences	The primary research arm of the U.S. Department of Education, including the National Center for Education Statistics, the National Center for Education

		Research, the National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, and the National Center for Special Education Research.
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics	A federal entity that collects, analyzes and makes available data related to education in the U.S.
SCED	School Codes for the Exchange of Data	Another tool for taxonomy and course descriptions for secondary education, designed to help schools and education agencies maintain longitudinal information. ACTE participated in an update in 2012-2013.
SLDS	State Longitudinal Data Systems	Statewide P-20 longitudinal data systems to capture and analyze student data from preschool through high school, college and the workforce.
SOC	Standard Occupational Classification System	The SOC system is used by federal statistical agencies to classify workers into occupational categories for the purpose of collecting, calculating or disseminating data.
SPAC	State Perkins Accountability Congress	An initiative sponsored by the Office of Vocational and Adult Education to support accountability for Perkins-funded CTE programs.
UI	Unemployment Insurance	The Department of Labor's Unemployment Insurance (UI) programs provide unemployment benefits to eligible workers. UI wage records are a major element in data sharing between education and workforce agencies.
WCC	Workforce Credentials Coalition	The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy have teamed up with the North Carolina Community College System to lead this coalition toward establishing joint data standards, data sharing agreements and a single data repository, so that information on certification outcomes can be more easily shared with community colleges across the nation.
WDQC	Workforce Data Quality Campaign	A national campaign encouraging the development of comprehensive, aligned and market-relevant education and workforce systems.

WDQI	Workforce Data Quality Initiative	A joint Departments of Labor and Education initiative that supports state longitudinal education and workforce data systems.
WRIS	Wage Record Interchange System	A voluntary Department of Labor initiative that facilitates the exchange of wage data among participating states for assessing and reporting on state and local employment and training program performance.
WRIS2	Wage Record Interchange System 2	Extends the WRIS data sharing model to required One-Stop career center partner programs and other appropriate partners, and allows states to share their wage data in aggregate form with third parties.