Regents Academic Interest Code: New Valid Value for Fall 2025 End-of-Term Collection

Beginning with the Fall 2025 End-of-Term (20262) Academic Data Collection, a new valid value for the Regents Academic Interest Code, Data Element SPE015 will be available to institutions.

This new valid value of 'ZITC' will allow for the easy identification of students in programs leading to initial teacher certification. Institutions will continue to use existing program/major/concentration codes for all programs leading to initial teacher certification (most institutions will have multiple programs). If the program leads to initial teacher certification, the program, major and/or concentration code must be identified and cross walked on the Banner administrative form SOAXREF, under the RGTACIN cross-reference label, to the new value of "ZITC" for data collection purposes.

The "ZITC" code should not be applied to all teacher education programs – only those programs leading to initial teacher certification. Colleges/Schools/Departments of Education should be consulted to determine which programs, majors, and/or concentrations should be tagged.

These changes were approved at the July 16, 2025, Academic Data Governance Committee meeting.

ITS will send out official communication regarding these changes and any associated validations closer to the Fall 2025 EOT collection. Institutions are also encouraged to sign up for beta testing with ITS prior to the opening of the Fall 2025 EOT collection.

As always, we appreciate all you do for the Academic Data Collection. Please contact us at support@usg.edu if you have any questions.