



To: UA Community  
Through: Gwendolyn Gruenig, Associate Vice President, Institutional Research, Planning and Analysis  
From: Aly Englert  
Date: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Re: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) News for the 2017-18 Data Collection Cycle

This annual communication provides a summary of key updates and changes to federal IPEDS reporting, an important component of maintaining eligibility for UA Anchorage, UA Fairbanks, and UA Southeast to receive federal funds and student financial aid. The following topics are discussed hereafter:

- a) IPEDS 2017-18 Data Collection Schedule and Annual Update of Distance Delivery/e-Learning Status for Degree Programs
- b) IPEDS 2016-17 Data Collection Cycle Updates
- c) Proposed Survey Changes for the IPEDS 2017-18 Cycle
- d) Inclusion on the 2017 College Affordability and Transparency Center Highest Increase in Net Price List

- a) IPEDS 2017-18 Data Collection Schedule and Annual Update of Distance Delivery/e-Learning Status for Degree Programs

The 2017-18 Data Collection Schedule is outlined in the table on page 3. A current list of each university's academic programs was provided to IPEDS Keyholders for review and update of the e-Learning program statuses on June 30<sup>th</sup>, with any necessary updates to be provided no later than Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

- b) IPEDS 2016-17 Data Collection Cycle Updates

Graduate student counts for the fall 2015 IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey were officially restated for UA Anchorage during the 2016-17 data collection to include an additional 36 graduate students enrolled solely in thesis courses and not receiving academic credit. Beginning in 2016-17, Keyholders approved the following note to be added to each university's calculated "student-to-faculty" ratio on the Fall Enrollment Survey:

*"The IPEDS 'student-to-faculty' ratio captures all instructional staff at an institution and would accurately be called a 'student-to-instructional staff' ratio. For the University of Alaska system, instructional staff includes faculty, adjunct faculty, and staff who have the majority of their primary job assignment dedicated to instruction."*

- c) Proposed Survey Changes for the IPEDS 2017-18 Cycle

Six of the twelve existing IPEDS surveys have proposed changes for the 2017-18 cycle. No changes are considered final until the request for clearance is approved by the US Office of Management and Budget. UA will be notified of any final changes in August or later. Most changes are not impactful, and those surveys with the most meaningful impact are highlighted below:

- Outcome Measures (OM): Include additional fields to indicate which cohort students did and did not receive a Pell Grant. The definition of a "Pell Grant recipient student" is defined as those who received a Pell grant in their first year at the institution (any time between July 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>). Students who qualify as a Pell Grant recipient are further broken into four cohorts: first-time full-time; first-time part-time; non-first-time full-time; non-first-time part-

time. The cohorts will report the students' highest award conferred (i.e., certificate, associates or bachelors) at the 4 year, 6 year, and 8 year mark. The cohort for this year's OM survey is for all students who entered UA between July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

- Admissions: SAT scores will be reported using the new 2016 SAT score range rather than the old 2015 range.
- Human Resources: Data collection for select parts of the survey will be reverting back to fewer categories. For example, instead of salary outlays being collected by 12-month, 11-month, 10-month, 9-month, and >9-month categories, two new categories of 9-/10-month and 11-/12-month will be created. It is not yet clear which survey sections will be impacted by this change.
- Student Financial Aid: Issues have been reported in prior collections with institutions reporting military education benefits (DOD Tuition Assistance Program) at amounts larger than \$4,500/student (which is the maximum amount allowed under the program). To assist with proper data entry practices, a more robust FAQ will be added and prior year reported values will be included on the survey screen to help enhance data quality checks.

In addition to the 2017-18 cycle, a summary of changes implemented for the last data collection cycle can be found here: <http://alaska.edu/swbir/ir/data-architecture/IPED>.

d) Inclusion on the 2017 College Affordability and Transparency Center (CATC) Highest Increase in Net Price List

UA was recently notified that UA Southeast had an average net price increase within the top 5 percent of national public, 4-year or above institutions in the most recent 3-year period for which official release data is available. As such, the university is included in the CATC Highest Increase in Net Price List, viewable at <https://collegecost.ed.gov/catc>. It is important to note that the net price of attendance differs from tuition costs: net cost is the total cost of attendance (tuition, fees, books, supplies, room and board, and other expenses) minus the non-loan financial aid provided to the student. Further guidance will be received this winter from the Department of Education regarding additional reporting requirements for UA Southeast.

**Table 1. IPEDS 2017-18 Data Collection Schedule**

	Registration	Fall	Winter	Spring	
Components Included	Registration		Student Financial Aid		
	Report Mapping	Institutional Characteristics	Graduation Rates	Fall Enrollment	Comparison Groups
	Institutional ID	Completions	200% Graduation Rates	Finance	for 2016 IPEDS Data
	Institutional Characteristics-Header	12-month Enrollment	Outcome Measures	Human Resources	Feedback Report
e-Learning Program Status Update	27-Jul-2017				
Collection Opens	9-Aug-2017	6-Sep-2017	13-Dec-2017	13-Dec-2017	8-Jan-2018
IPEDS Coordinator submits survey data*		4-Oct-2017	31-Jan-2018	28-Mar-2018	
UAA, UAF, UAS IPEDS Keyholders -> review and lock data -> notify Coordinator of any issues	30-Aug-2017	18-Oct-2017	14-Feb-2018	11-Apr-2018	11-May-2018
IPEDS Coordinator applies final lock on data		1-Nov-2017	28-Feb-2018	25-Apr-2018	13-Jul-2018

\*IPEDS Coordinator does **not** provide data for the following surveys: Institutional Characteristics Header, Institutional Characteristics, Admissions, Academic Libraries, and Finance

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Note: This information is also available as a Google Calendar, which has been shared with IPEDS Keyholders. To request access, please contact Aly Englert (aenglert@alaska.edu).

Source: Schedule adapted from the 2017-18 IPEDS Data Collection Schedule provided by the National Center for Education Statistics, available online at: <https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/ViewContent.aspx?contentId=21>. Compiled by UA Institutional Research, Planning and Analysis.