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The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System has discontinued the use of the term “first professional” effective beginning with the 2010-11 data collection, when use of the new post-baccalaureate award categories became mandatory. At the same time that the term “first professional” was eliminated, a new category was created: “Doctor’s degree – professional practice.”

With this change in degree nomenclature, the Graduate School proposes that the course numbering system be modified to include a new course level, 9000-9999. Courses numbered in this range would be reserved exclusively for the professional practice doctoral degree programs, e.g., Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine. Only professional practice students may enroll in these courses. Certain courses at this level may be designated by the department and approved by the Graduate Council for graduate credit.

Note: While courses numbered 1XXX – 8XXX indicate that the content of courses is progressively more advanced, courses numbered 9000 and above belong to a different classification scheme, with content appropriate for students in professional practice doctoral degree programs.

The description of the Course Numbering System for Semesters would be modified to read as follows:

5XXX = courses (1) for professional students in Architecture, Design and Construction, and (2) undergraduate courses taught in conjunction with graduate courses.

9XXX = courses exclusively in the professional practice doctoral degree programs (Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine). Certain courses at this level may be designated by the department and approved by the Graduate Council for graduate credit. Only professional practice students may enroll in these courses.