

Changes to Existing Data Element Request Form

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Requester Information

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Information about Proposed Data Element

1. Name of existing data element:

Regents Academic Interest Code: Request for a new valid value for programs leading to initial teacher certification.

2. Why is the change needed?

There is a critical teacher shortage in Georgia that has persisted for years. Current coding of student majors/concentrations does not allow for the easy identification of which students are in programs that lead to teacher certification. Some examples of complications:

- *Not all baccalaureate programs with a “13” Education CIP code lead to teacher certification.*
- *For programs that lead to secondary teacher certification at the undergraduate level, they are often coded as a concentration within a Bachelor’s degree in the content area (e.g., BS Math). In those instances, not everyone in the major is in a teacher certification program, only students in one concentration are.*
- *At the graduate level, MAT programs typically all lead to initial teacher certification, but there are examples across the state of MED and EDS programs that also lead to initial teacher certification.*

Without good tracking mechanisms, it is challenging to determine what progress we are making on addressing the teacher shortage.

3. When is the change needed? Please list the first term you are asking the change to occur, as well the latest acceptable term the change could be implemented. Also note if there are any policies or deadlines related to your request.

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4. Provide a brief description of the change. If requesting additional codes to be added to an element, please suggest codes, and provide a comprehensive list of valid values including the proposed changes. Please specify whether the codes are text or numeric and provide any source documentation if available.

Institutions will continue to use existing program/major/concentration codes for all programs leading to initial teacher certification (most institutions will have multiple programs). However, those existing PROGRAM_CODES & INST_MAJOR_CODES codes will need to be cross walked on Banner administrative form SOAXREF, under the RGTACIN cross-reference label, to the new value of “ZITC” for data collection purposes.

This process will allow for the following mappings:

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PROGRAM_CODE to ZITC

INST_MAJOR_CODE (Associated with FOS_CATEGORY (field of study) of MAJOR, MINOR, or CONCENTRATION) to ZITC

PROGRAM_CODES & INST_MAJOR_CODES translated to ZITC will continue to be collected. The translated value of 'ZITC' will be stored in a new and separate field in the USG database tables after collection.

This is the same process used for the Nursing Interest Concentration of 'ZNUI'

5. Is the data sensitive in any way?

No

6. Where is the data element currently collected in Banner (table and form)? Would the proposed change also be in the same Banner table and form? If not, please explain.

Banner Tables: SORLFOS (SOVCFOS).

*Banner Forms: STVMAJR – creation of code
SOAXREF>RGTACIN – translation of code*

ZITC concentration code should not be present on SHADEGR records, nor will the crosswalk/translation be performed on SHADEGR records.

7. To what other existing USG data elements is this one related and how would the new element affect them? Provide rules/edits that should be followed in collecting this information.

Confirmed 'ZITC' does not exist in the inst_major_code field for any institution as of 5/28/2025

No validation is needed for this code; it can be applied to majors used by both undergraduate and graduate students.

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