

## **Definition of professional program (Submitted by Timothy King)**

### **Note: Withdrawn: 11/5/2025**

I am withdrawing this submission and will resubmit with updated language.

Kindness,

Tim

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### **Orginial Submission:**

For consideration.

Professional program:

A graduate program that signifies both completion of the academic requirements for beginning practice in a given profession and a level of professional skill beyond that normally required for a bachelor's degree. Professional licensure and/or ordination is also required by the degree specific professional organization and/or denomination and/or state(s) where practice will be applicable.

Examples of a professional degree include but are not limited to Pharmacy (Pharm.D.), Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.), Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), Chiropractic (D.C. or D.C.M.), Law (L.L.B. or J.D.), Medicine (M.D.), Optometry (O.D.), Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.), Podiatry (D.P .M., D.P ., or Pod.D.), and Theology (M.Div., or M.H.L.).

The remaining professional degrees, as defined here, must be substantially similar to the previously mentioned examples in both duration and field of study. Specifically, they should consist of at least 60 credit hours of doctoral level preparation from an accredited program or master's level preparation in theological studies from an accredited program that leads to ordination. These degrees must either fall within the same four-digit Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code as any of the named degrees or be recognized as a doctoral degree in professional practice or master's degree in theological studies by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.

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