

Proposed Professional Degree Definition Submitted by Alex Holt

The proposed language is below. This language was developed by the caucus of the following groups: Taxpayer and Public Interest, Private Nonprofit Institutions, Proprietary Institutions, Public Institutions, and State Officials.

Professional degree: A degree 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 is also generally required. Examples of a pProfessional degrees 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.); any program of at least the full-time equivalent of three years in length and within the same two-digit CIP code as any of the professional degrees named above; and any program of at least the full-time equivalent of three years in length in Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.).