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TOPICS:	New CIP Codes for TOPS Tech

Students with a TOPS Tech award who are attending schools in the LCTC System, LSU-Eunice and Southern University-Shreveport/Bossier City are required to take pre-requisites prior to entering one of the approved academic healthcare fields (nursing, radiologic technology, cardiopulmonary care services, surgical technology, and medical lab tech). Currently, colleges are placing students in a General Studies major while taking the required pre-requisites. General Studies is not an approved major for TOPS Tech recipients.

In an effort to ensure that students are permitted to utilize their TOPS Tech Award while taking pre-requisites that are required for eligible programs, LOSFA has created a new code schools are to enter into the CIP code field for students enrolled in TOPS Tech approved healthcare programs.

Schools should enter GSHLTH into the CIP code field for students who have declared their intent to enter into a TOPS Tech approved healthcare program of study during the time that the student is taking pre-requisites necessary for those programs. Schools are allowed to use GSHLTH for up to three (3) semesters. Once the student is accepted into their program of study, the appropriate CIP Code for their program of study should be used.

Submitting a bill for a student utilizing GSHLTH shall constitute certification by the school that it has written documentation evidencing a student’s intention to enter into a TOPS Tech approved healthcare program of study upon completion of the pre-requisites necessary for that program.

TOPS Tech awards allow a student to enroll for two academic years. Summer sessions are included.

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