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Category I (Doctoral) refers to institutions characterized by a significant level and breadth of activity in doctoral-level education, as measured by the number of doctorate recipients and the diversity in doctoral programs. Institutions in this category grant a minimum of 30 doctorate degrees annually, from at least three distinct programs. Awards previously categorized by NCES as first-professional degrees, such as the J.D., M.D., and D.Div., do not count as doctorates for this classification. Institutions seeking to attain this category or "doctor's degree - professional practice" will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

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Category III (Associate's with Academic Rank) refers to institutions characterized by a significant emphasis on undergraduate associate's degree education. Institutions in this category grant a minimum of 50 associate's degrees annually. Associate's

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Category IV (Associate's without Academic Ranks) refers to institutions that meet the criteria for "Associate's" (Category III), but do not utilize standard academic ranks. An institution that refers to all faculty members as "instructors" or "lecturers" but does not distinguish among them on the basis of standard ranks should be included in this category. However, if an institution utilizes another ranking scheme that is analogous to the standard ranks, it can be included in Category I, II, or III as appropriate.