



Internships

Voting Option for Fall 2024 Proposals from the Data and Tool Advisory Board

This document provides background information to support prioritization of potential new data points for the Cradle-to-Career (C2C) Data System P20W data set. P20W data points include data uploaded directly by data providers, as well as metrics that are calculated from the information shared by data providers. P20W data points will be used to populate dashboards and a query builder tool. When the data request process becomes available, users may request other formulations of metrics that are generated from the information shared by data providers.

Staff from the Office of Cradle to Career Data (Office) worked with Advisory Board members who submitted proposals to provide greater specificity about the suggested item.

Proposal Name

Including Internship and First-Destination Survey Data in the Cradle-to-Career Data System

Type of Data Point

Based on an initial review of the proposal, the Office notes that these items are data points that are not currently in the P20W data set. However, there is information available on whether students secured a job and if they went to graduate school from a different data source than the one suggested.

Proposed Data Point Construction

In consultation with the Advisory Board member who proposed the data point, the Office operationalized the proposal to provide information on career opportunities by creating 3 metrics.

- 1) **Postsecondary student who participated in an internship** - Student had an internship while enrolled at a postsecondary institution
Example: A student at College of San Mateo participated in a paid internship at Stanford to conduct research on nanotechnology applications. This student would be counted as participating in an internship.
- 2) **Postsecondary student who took a career course** - Student took a credit-bearing course in a technical discipline or a credit-bearing course in career preparation while enrolled at a postsecondary institution
Example: A student at Sacramento State took a course in Project Management. The student would be counted as having taken a career course.
- 3) **Postsecondary student who entered employment or graduate school within six months of graduation** - Students who responded to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) First Destination survey and reported they were either employed or enrolled in graduate school six months after completing a bachelor's degree.
Example: A student graduated from CSU Fullerton with a business major in May and got a job as a restaurant manager in July. This student did not respond to the First Destination survey. The student would not be counted as having entered employment or graduate school within six months.