

2026 VSL Data Collection Specs for Proprietary Institutions

Data Variable Name	Variable Type-Length	Required Y/N	Description	Example
LA Prop Inst ID	CHAR (10)	Y	School's Proprietary License Number	1234
Inst Name	CHAR (140)	Y	Institution Name	LA Prop College
Inst Stud Com ID	CHAR (12)	N	Institution's unique Id for Student. Optional. Required if SSN not available.	LPC09324
Stud ID SSN	NUM (9)	Y	Student Social Security Number (SSN)	987654321
Stud Last Name	CHAR (60)	Y	Student's Last Name	Doe
Stud First Name	CHAR (60)	Y	Student's First Name	Jane
Student Race	CHAR (1)	Y	Code to indicate student's reported race. See full File Specifications for code chart, including for UNKNOWN.	8
Student Sex	CHAR (1)	Y	Code to indicate student's reported sex. F=Female; M=Male; N=Not Reported; Other; or Unknown	F
US Citizenship	CHAR (1)	Y	Is the Student a US Citizen. Y=Yes, N=No, U=Unknown.	Y
Parish or State or Country	CHAR (2)	Y	Code to indicate most drilled down location of a student. See full File Specifications for Codes.	25
Birth Date	DATE (10)	Y	Student's Birthdate. Required Format: MM/DD/YYYY, including leading zeros.	04/09/2001
CIP Code 6 digits	CHAR (6)	Y	A six-character code from the NCES that corresponds to field of study. Numbers only. MUST MATCH CIP CODE IN PROGRAM INVENTORY.	510404
Program Name	CHAR (140)	Y	Program name. MUST MATCH PROGRAM INVENTORY.	Phlebotomy
Award Type	CHAR (2)	Y	Code the demonstrates program type and length. See full File Specifications . MUST MATCH PROGRAM INVENTORY.	81
CIP Extra	CHAR (2)	Y	Code that distinguishes between programs with the same CIP Code. MUST MATCH PROGRAM INVENTORY.	AA
Program Modality	CHAR (1)	Y	Delineates if is program in-person, online, or hybrid. MUST MATCH PROGRAM INVENTORY.	H
Student Enrollment Date	DATE (10)	Y	Date student enrolled in program. Can be months prior to data collection period, but must be prior to completion date. Required format: MM/DD/YYYY. Use leading zeros if necessary.	06/07/2022
Student Program Status	CHAR (1)	Y	Student's current status on the last day of the reporting period. Could be still enrolled, completed, withdrawn etc. See Full File Specifications	C
Student Completion Date	DATE (10)	N	Student's actual completion date. ONLY USE if the previous field is "C". Must be within the reporting period.	12/03/2025
Student External Cert Status	CHAR (2)	Y	This is about the PROGRAM. Does the program the student is enrolled in lead to and EXTERNAL certification or credential of some sort? CE – the program is able to qualify the student for an external credential. NE – the program does not lead to any external credential.	CE
Student External	CHAR (1)	Y	This is about the STUDENT. If known, did the student receive the EXTERNAL credential. This NOT to indicate if the student completed the program. It is ONLY about EXTERNAL credentials earned by the student. If you do not know if the student earned their external credentials, indicate No.	Y
Program WBL	CHAR (1)	Y	As part of the institution's program's requirements, did or will the student complete educational instruction at an outside business such as hospital, clinic, etc. Y=YES or N=NO	Y
Program Clock Hours	NUM (4)	Y	The number of instructional clock hours needed to complete the student's program of study.	700

WBL Paid	CHAR (1)	N	This is about the student's Program WBL. Is the work-based learning component P=Paid, N=Not Paid, or U=Unknown. ONLY required if Program WBL="Y".	P
WBL Type & Hours	CHAR (3)	N	This is about the student's Program WBL. What type and how many total hours are attributed to the work-based learning component during the duration of the student's program? ONLY required if Program WBL="Y".	SL3
High School Flag	CHAR (1)	N	This is about the STUDENT. Is the student concurrently enrolled in high school while pursuing the VSL program?	N
Prisoner Flag	CHAR (1)	N	This is about the STUDENT. Is the student incarcerated and attending an institution that is authorized to teach prisoners?	N