

ISCED Level Mapping for the US and Canadian Educational System

ISCED 2010 Levels	Explanation	United States of America	Canada	French Canadian
Level 0	Early childhood educational development; pre-primary education	Pre-school, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten (ages 3-5)	Pre-primary level of education / kindergarten / pre-school / special education / 3-5yrs	Education Préscolaire (4 ans) Maternelle (5 ans)
Level 1	Primary education or the first stage of basic education	Primary/ Elementary school education (Grades 1-6) (ages 5-12)	Primary level of education / 5-12yrs	Education Primaire (Niveau 1 à 6) (Age 6 à 11)
Level 2	Lower secondary education or second stage of basic education	Middle School Education (Grades 7-9) (ages 12-14)	Lower secondary level of education / end of compulsory education / includes junior high / high school equivalency diploma / 12 -15 or 16yrs	Education secondaire Cycle 1 (Niveau 7 à 8) (Age 12 à 13)
Level 3	Upper secondary education	Secondary / High School Education (Grades 10-12) (ages 14-17) Includes: GED or high school equivalency (may be gained as an adult learner)	Upper secondary level of education / 15 or 16 – 18yrs	Education secondaire Cycle 2 (Niveau 9 à 11) (Age 14 à 16)
Level 4	Specific occupational training certificate	Vocational training, junior college	Post-secondary, non-tertiary education / Associate degree	CEGEP -Education pré-universitaire (programme de 2 ans) ou -Education technique (programme de 3 ans)
Level 5	First stages of tertiary education	Includes completion of: Associate's degrees, Bachelor's degrees, Master's and Post graduate certificates and Professional qualifications (e.g. dentistry, medical, law)	First stage of tertiary education / Undergraduate degree / professional qualifications (e.g., dentistry, law, medicine) / Masters Degree / does not include an associate's degree	Universitaire 1 ^{er} cycle (cursus de 3 ans sauf exceptions (génie, éducation : 4 ans)) Baccalauréat 2 ^e cycle Maîtrise/ DESS
Level 6	Degrees leading to advanced research qualifications	PhD/Doctorate	PhD/Doctorate	3 ^e cycle Doctorat/Post Doctorat