In 2005, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Higher Education instituted a new Basic Classification taxonomy of higher education institutions. Since the 2005 Delaware Cost Study, we have utilized this classification grouping for Research Universities, Doctoral Universities, Comprehensive (Master’s) Colleges and Universities, and Baccalaureate Colleges. These classifications were updated in 2010 and again in 2015. The new classifications are based on data collected by the Carnegie Foundation for the Fall 2014, therefore, since the 2015 Delaware Cost Study looks at Fall 2014, Fiscal Year 2014-15 we have updated our Carnegie Classifications to reflect the new taxonomies.

- Research Institutions will now include:
  - Doctoral Universities – Highest Research Activity (R1)
  - Doctoral Universities – Higher Research Activity (R2)

- Doctoral Institutions will now include:
  - Doctoral Universities – Moderate Research Activity (R3)

- Comprehensive Institutions will now include:
  - Master’s Colleges & Universities – Larger Programs (M1)
  - Master’s Colleges & Universities – Medium Programs (M2)
  - Master’s Colleges & Universities – Smaller Programs (M3)

- Baccalaureate Institutions will now include:
  - Baccalaureate Colleges – Arts & Science Focus (B1)
  - Baccalaureate Colleges – Diverse Fields (B2)
  - Baccalaureate Colleges/Associate Colleges (B3)

We will note all Special Focus Institutions (SF)