Navigating the Digest of Education Statistics Reports (CAPE Section 6.b)

The narrative prompt in Section 6.b of the CAPE Program Self-Study Template asks programs to compare trends in degree conferrals to national trends over the last 5-10 years, and includes an embedded link to a set of reports produced by the National Center for Education Statistics. These reports show trends in conferrals for various fields of study relative to overall trends in degree production nationwide; separate reports are provided for different degree levels.

After following the link provided on the Worksheet, use the following guide to generate data for your program(s).
Once you choose a specific report, the data will show national trends in degree conferrals for that degree level for selected years since 1970-71. When discussing trends for your program, be sure to consider both the national trend in the most relevant field of study shown in the report, as well as the relationship to trends in conferrals across all fields of study over the past 5-10 years.