

Business is the most common field of study

Major field of study refers to the predominant discipline or area of learning or training of a person’s highest completed postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree. It is classified according to the [Classification of Instructional Programs \(CIP\) Canada 2016](#). For this analysis, the 43 broad groupings of CIP are used.

- In 2016, the top three major fields of study among New Brunswick’s adult population with postsecondary qualifications were in the areas of business, health and education. Women accounted for a higher proportion than men in each of these areas.
- Among women aged 25 to 64, the most popular field of study was business, management, marketing and related support services (27.1%), followed by health professions and related programs (24.7%) and education (10.0%).
- The most common field of study among men aged 25 to 64 was also business, management, marketing and related support services. However, they comprised a much smaller proportion than women at 13.5%. Mechanic and repair technologies/technicians was the next most predominant field of study for men (12.9%) followed by programs in the construction trades (12.1%).

