

What is an Industry-Recognized Credential?

An education- and work-related credential can be defined as a verification of an individual’s qualifications or competence issued by a third party with the relevant authority to issue such credentials (U.S. Department of Labor, 2010).

High-quality credentials are recognized by multiple employers across an industry. The term “industry-recognized,” used with respect to a credential, means a credential that...

- A. Is sought or accepted by employers within the industry or sector involved as a recognized, preferred, or required credential for recruitment, screening, hiring, retention or advancement purposes; and,
- B. Where appropriate, is endorsed by a nationally recognized trade association or organization representing a significant part of the industry or sector.

	CERTIFICATE	CERTIFICATION	DEGREE	LICENSE
AWARDED BY...	Education Institution	Business, trade associations, industry	Education Institution	Government Agency
RESULTS FROM...	Course of Study	Assessment	Course of Study	Meeting Requirements
INDICATES...	Education	Skill Mastery	Education	Legal Permission
COMPLETED IN...	<2 Years	Variable	2+ Years	Variable
MAINTAINED BY...	N/A	Skill practice, re-assessment	N/A	Re-application, continuing education
EXAMPLE...	ServSafe Food Handler, Green Manufacturing Specialist, Certificate in Business Administration	Certified Welder (CW), Certified Logistics Technician (CLT), Certified International Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)	Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, Doctor of Engineering	Registered Nurse (RN), Cosmetologist, Master Plumber

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ND Career and Technical Education Industry Certifications

Credential Name	Certification/Governing Body	Instructional Method	MIS03 Code/Course Title	Campus/Region	Applicable Industry	End of Course Assessment
IC3 - Digital Literacy Certificate	Certiport	Live	27101 - Intro to IT	H.S. CTE Programs	Information Technology	Yes
A+ IT Fundamentals	CompTIA	Live	27219 - Computer Hdwe and Operating Systems (A+)	H.S. CTE Programs	Information Technology	Yes
MTA Networking Fundamentals	Microsoft	Live	27265 - Intro to Networking	H.S. CTE Programs	Information Technology	Yes
MOS (Microsoft Office Specialist) Word 2016	Certiport	Live	14096 - Word Processing	H.S. CTE Programs	Business Management & Administration	Yes
MOS (Microsoft Office Specialist) Excel 2016	Certiport	Live	14025 - Spreadsheets	H.S. CTE Programs	Business Management & Administration	Yes
MOS (Microsoft Office Specialist) PowerPoint 2016	Certiport	Live	14099 - Multimedia	H.S. CTE Programs	Business Management & Administration	Yes
ASE (Automotive Service Excellence)	ASE Foundation	Live/On-line	17031, 17037 - Auto Collision Tech II, Auto Tech II	H.S. CTE Programs	Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	Yes
OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)	CareerSafe	On-line	17100, 17117 - Construction Technology I, II	Online	Architecture & Construction	Yes
CPR/First Aid	American Heart Association or American Red Cross (H.S. instructors must be Basic Life Support Certified by AHA or Red Cross, or have curriculum oversight from someone approved by AHA or Red Cross)	Live	07033 - Health Careers I	H.S. CTE Programs	Health Science	Yes
CNA (Certified Nurse Assistant)	ND Department of Health	Live	07032 - Nurse Assistant	H.S. CTE Programs	Health Science	Yes
HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act)	UND Health Science Program	Live/Online	07033 - Health Careers I, 07045 - Emergency Medical Services	H.S. CTE Programs	Health Science	Yes
ProStart National Certificate of Achievement	National Restaurant Association	Live	09213 - Food Service/Culinary Arts	H.S. CTE Programs	Hospitality & Tourism	Yes
ServSafe Food Handler	ServSafe	Live/Online	09211 - Early Childhood Care & Education Services	H.S. CTE Programs	Hospitality & Tourism	Yes