

# ILLINOIS BY THE NUMBERS

**NCRC**

The ACT® National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) is an industry-recognized, portable, research-based credential that certifies essential skills needed for workplace success.

The NCRC requires successful completion of three ACT® WorkKeys assessments which measure career readiness. The NCRC is aligned to **17,000 job titles** and used across all sectors of the economy.

**102,130**

NCRCs awarded 2013

- ★ Platinum: 2,153 (2.1%)
  - ★ Gold: 25,747 (25.2%)
  - ★ Silver: 48,917 (47.9%)
  - ★ Bronze: 25,313 (24.8%)
- ISBE 2013

**Berner Food & Beverage, Inc. of Dakota, IL fully implemented ACT® NCRC testing in 2011. As a result, they achieved the following reductions in expenses:**

**Turnover rate in one department:**

2009: 13 terminations at a cost of \$215,000  
2010: 12 terminations at a cost of \$188,000  
2011: 1 termination

**Worker's Compensation reduction of 95% over 2 years:**

2009: \$300,000  
2011: \$15,000

## Career & Technical Education (CTE) Student Enrollment\*



**27,796**

Agricultural Education



**108,138**

Business, Marketing, and Computer Education



**108,229**

Family & Consumer Sciences



**9,360**

Health Science Technology



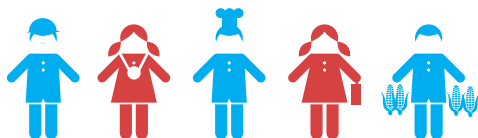
**94,675**

Technology & Engineering Education

*\*ISBE 2012-13 School Year Unduplicated Student Enrollment by CTE Content Area. Illinois public secondary enrollment was 608,132.*






See Illinois employers describe their success implementing NCRC at <http://tinyurl.com/k3mfcjv>. Employers on the video include Berner Food & Beverage, Bison Gear, Fabric Images, and Hoffer Plastics.

In the 2013-14 School Year, 34,106 students were members of state recognized Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO). <http://www.isbe.net/career/html/ctso.htm>  
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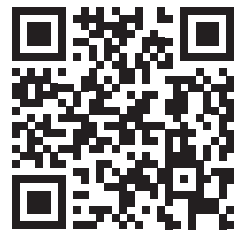
# RISE ABOVE THE CROWD

## Certificates = Jobs

	Certified Production Technician (CPTAE)	AutoCAD	A+ Certified IT Professional	Automotive Service (ASE) Student Certificate	National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS)	OSHA Safety
	Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS)	C++ Programming	Adobe Certified Associate (ACA)	Apple Certified Pro	QuickBooks Certified User	IC3 Digital Literacy Certificate
	Food Service Sanitation Manager (FSSIM)	AAFCS Pre-Professional	ECE Credential Level 1	ProStart National Certificate of Achievement	Food Handler	OSHA General Industry
	Crop Advisor	Master Gardener	Landscape / Sports Field Technician	Animal Quality Assurance	Chemical Applicator	Veterinarian Medical Technician
	Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)	Pharmacy Technician (CPhT)	OSHA Safety	EMS Responder	OSHA General Industry	Medical Assistant

“Credentials signal **real-world preparedness** to employers and postsecondary educators.”

*Up to the Challenge: The Role of Career and Technical Education and 21st Century Skills in College and Career Readiness, 2010.*



For more information and resources about CTE, and to access an electronic document of this infographic, go to <http://ilcte.org/fact-sheet/> or use the QR code.



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