

# Industry-Recognized Credentials Running List



View the collection of recommended [industry-recognized credentials \(IRCs\)](#) in Career and Technical Education pathways that students may earn during or immediately following high school.

Credentials included here should be those that employers recognize as favorable or preferential when recruiting, hiring, promoting, and retaining their workforce. The list is meant to be flexible and continuously updated; therefore we encourage and welcome feedback from industries hiring in CTE career pathways. There are tabs\* sorted by career areas including:

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Agriculture, Food, and National Resources

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Arts and Communications

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Finance and Business Services

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Human and Public Services

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Information Technology

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Manufacturing, Engineering, Technology, and Trades

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Health and Science Technology

## What is an Industry-Recognized Credential?

An industry-recognized credential is a work-related credential, certification, or license that:

1. Verifies, through a valid assessment, an individual's qualifications or competence in a specific skillset related to a particular industry or occupation;
2. Is issued by an industry-related organization or state licensing body with the relevant authority to issue such credentials; and
3. Is broadly sought or accepted by employers as a recognized, preferred, or required credential for recruitment, screening, hiring, retention, or advancement purposes.

### Sole Source Credentials

**If you are a credential provider and wish to be added to the list:** Illinois State Board of Education does not endorse specific sellers/providers of credentials. The only condition under which a provider will appear on this list is if the provider is the sole provider and the credential is tied specifically to their product(s) or processes. An example would be Amatrol credentials, Microsoft Suite products, etc.

### Online Industry Feedback Form

If you are industry professional and would like to provide feedback on our current listing, please utilize the [online form](#). **We thank you in advance for taking the time to help us.**

\*One tab features unspecified career areas (may apply to many)

