

Choice Ready Grants  
Industry Certifications  
North Dakota Career and Technical Education  
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# Choice Ready Grant Parameters

## **Who Can Apply:**

1. High School Principals
2. CTE Administrators
3. Special Education Directors

## **Award Amounts: up to \$20,000 per application**

## **Competitive: will be reviewed and scored**

## **Application:**

- ✓ Budget
- ✓ Two Narratives
  - Describe activities in detail
  - Justify how the proposal will increase the number of Choice Ready graduates

## **The purpose of the grant is to:**

- ✓ Build up the Choice Ready Assessment
- ✓ Enable more students to graduate Choice Ready



# Choice Ready Framework – Workforce Ready




## WORKFORCE READY

Complete a **Four-Year Rolling Career Plan**, and complete two or more additional indicators:

- Complete three CTE courses or more (A, B, or C) or (1, 2, or 3)
- Complete Career Ready Practices (3.0)
- Dual Credit Course (A, B or C) or (1, 2, or 3)
- WorkKeys (Gold or Silver)
- Technical Assessment / Industry Credential
- Workplace Learning Experience (40 hrs.)
- Work-based Learning Experience (Perkins V) (40 hrs.)
- CLEM/CREAM (Eng./Math) Course (70% or greater)  
NDSA (Reading/Math) Level 3 or greater or (ACT for Accountability: English 19/Mathematics 22)

# Choice Ready Framework – Workforce Ready

Two or more additional indicators ✓

Complete three CTE courses or more (A, B, or C) 

Yes  No  N/A



Complete Career Ready Practices (3.0)

Yes  No  N/A



Dual Credit Course (A, B, or C) 

Yes  No  N/A



WorkKeys (Gold or Silver) 

Yes  No  N/A



Technical Assessment / Industry Credential

Yes  No  N/A



Work-place Learning Experience (40 hrs)

Yes  No  N/A



Work-based Learning Experience (Perkins V) (40 hrs)

Yes  No  N/A



# Definition of Industry Recognized Certification

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.

“What Is A Credential?” The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE). 1410 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314



# Examples of Industry Recognized Certification

- IC3 – Digital Literacy Certificate
- A+ IT Fundamentals
- MTA Networking Fundamentals
- MOS Word 2016
- MOS Excel 2016
- ASE
- OSHA
- CPR/First Aid
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- HIPAA
- ProStart National Certificate of Achievement
- ServSafe Food Handler



# Examples of Grant Funded Projects

- Pay for student certification assessments
- Professional Development for Instructors so they can certify students
- Other Brainstorming Ideas??



# Thank you and stay safe!

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