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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