

CEFGA Industry Certification Resources
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Construction, Metals, HVACR



Industry Certification Definition:

An Industry Certified program is a top-performing, industry-engaging program; recognized by industry that meet both state and industry standards in facilities, equipment, curriculum, safety, training and credentialing.

Overview:

Industry Certification is the highest-level designation for Career and Technical Education programs and a vital workforce priority. The purpose of Industry Certification is to strengthen programs and showcase the industry relevance of training being delivered to students. The process drives local and regional program partnerships and serves students by preparing them for in-demand careers in the construction industry. An industry certified program is able to issue nationally recognized industry credentials to students ensuring a trained and credentialed entry-level workforce. NCCER Level 1 credentials earned by students are also recognized as successful End of Pathway Assessments. While the process inherently serves as a program evaluation, it is designed to maximize industry partnerships and to showcase the unique strengths and accomplishments of each program while delivering a top-tier designation.

Priorities:

- Industry-Relevant Instruction and Projects
- Industry Engagement - Is industry in your program and is your program in industry?
- Industry Credentials
- Active SkillsUSA Involvement

Process:

1. Apply for GaDOE Industry Certification Grant (March through mid-May)
2. Complete "CEFGA Form A" - \$400 Deposit for all programs, due August of the certifying year.
 - Additional \$1,820 due in November (not applicable to GaDOE grant recipients)
3. Instructor must hold a valid NCCER Craft Instructor Certification by attending the Instructor Certification Training Program (ICTP) held in September/October each year
4. Prepare for initial Evaluation Team Leader (ETL) Support Visit #1 during Fall Semester by completing "Industry Certification Timeline Checklist" items prior to visit
5. Complete items in "Program Action Plan" assigned by the ETL following Fall Semester visit
6. Program must be actively reporting NCCER module completions for student credentials
7. Prepare for ETL Support Visit #2 during Spring Semester – Complete action items in "Program Action Plan", Complete "Industry Certification Timeline Checklist" items prior to visit
8. Prepare for ½ day Site Team Evaluation including instructor presentation
9. Upon successful completion, the program is certified for a period of 5 years