

Process for Establishing  
Gold Standard Career Pathways Industry Certification to AAS/AS Degree  
Statewide Articulation Agreements

Comprehensive Industry Certification List

- The board of Workforce Florida, Inc. annually approves the Comprehensive Industry Certification List by March 1.
- The review process is handled in a joint effort with staff from the Agency for Workforce Innovation and Workforce Florida, Inc. (WFI), and the Florida Department of Education.
- A submission period is open in late summer and early fall for interested parties to submit industry certifications for review.
- The following information is requested for each industry certification submitted:
  - Name of the certification
  - Profession(s) and specific occupations(s) to which the certification can be applied
  - National recognition of the certification
  - Certifying organization contact name, phone, and email
  - Website address where additional information regarding the certification can be obtained
  - Education and training requirements to obtain the certification
  - Knowledge and skills necessary to obtain the certification
  - Administration details on the certification testing component
  - Identification of whether the curriculum to earn the certification requires at least 150 hours of instruction
  - Identification of whether secondary high school students can achieve the certification

Industry Certification Funding List

- This list is a sub-set of certifications on the “Comprehensive Industry Certification List,” as specified in Rule 6A-6.0573(3), Florida Administrative Code.
- This list is developed by the Division of Career and Adult Education (DCAE) within the Florida Department of Education.
- To be on this list, a certification must meet the following criteria from Rule 6A-6.0573(3)(b), F.A.C.:
  1. The certification must be on the “Comprehensive Industry Certification List”
  2. The certification must be achievable by students in a secondary level program.
  3. The certification must require a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) hours of instruction.
  4. The certification must have been offered for at least one year in a school district. The Commissioner of Education may waive the one year requirement when failure to do so would inhibit preparation of students for emerging workforce opportunities.

- According to Rule 6A-6.5073(5), the “Industry Certification Funding List” must be published no later than July 1 for the subsequent school year.
- Districts are allowed to submit an application to request that an item be included on the Industry Certification Funding List because it meets all of the criteria in the rule. Program linkage information can be provided in this list, but the approval list does not include a mandatory linkage to a specific secondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) program.

### Gold Standard Career Pathways Industry Certifications

- In order for an industry certification to be on this list it must be on the “Comprehensive Industry Certification List” approved by WFI.
- Must be on the “Industry Certification Funding List” developed by DCAE.
- Must be on the Perkins IV Gold Level Technical Skill Attainment List.
- These industry certifications ensure that a student has met a specified level of competency as validated by a third party.

### Vetting Gold Standard Career Pathways Industry Certification Articulation Agreements

- Subject matter staff of the DCAE map Gold Standard Career Pathways Industry Certifications (GSCPIC) to AAS/AS degree programs.
- Mapped GSCPIC are sent out to members of the Occupational Education Standing Committee (OESC) from all twenty-eight (28) colleges in the Florida College System.
- OESC solicits a review and evaluation of each GSCPIC by faculty who teach courses in the AAS/AS degree program to which the certification has been mapped.
- Faculty of each college proposes a number of college credit hours guaranteed to articulate based on comparison of the GSCPIC and the AAS/AS degree curricula.
- Each college’s OESC representative enters the number of credits, if any, onto a “Response Form” and submits it by email to DCAE.
- All responses from all 28 colleges are compiled and the highest number of credits for which a consensus of colleges have submitted becomes the number of credits proposed to be guaranteed by the statewide articulation agreement.
- If there is not a consensus among the colleges offering a program, the number of credits agreed upon by a supermajority (greater than 75%) of the colleges offering a degree becomes the number of credits proposed to be guaranteed by the statewide articulation agreement.
- The proposed GSCPIC statewide articulation agreements agreed upon by OESC are submitted to the Council of Instructional Affairs (CIA) for comment.
- The proposed GSCPIC statewide articulation agreements are placed on the agenda of the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) for approval.
- The proposed GSCPIC statewide articulation agreements approved by the ACC are placed on the agenda of the State Board of Education (SBE) for approval.

- The approved GSCPIC statewide articulation agreements are published on the DCAE website at: [http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/dwdframe/artic\\_indcert2aas.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/dwdframe/artic_indcert2aas.asp). and entered into a database maintained by the Community College and Technical Center Management Information System (CCTCMIS) for use by school districts and colleges in the Florida College System for reporting and transcribing.
- The GSCPIC statewide articulation agreements will be reviewed every three (3) years and updated as necessary based on changes in the industry certification and/or degree requirements.