

Ecosystem Industry Certification Expansion

Purpose

Ecosystem industry certification expansion focuses on increasing the number of individuals obtaining industry-recognized credentials to advance Oklahoma's major ecosystems. The CareerTech System is dedicated to creating a well-trained workforce that can grow Oklahoma's state and regional ecosystems.

Key activities

The CareerTech System will expand state and regional ecosystems efforts in three ways:

- Identifying the industry-recognized credentials needed to advance state and regional ecosystems.
- Establishing an industry certification value system that promotes high-wage and high-demand ecosystem occupations.
- Designing and implementing an instructional framework based upon O*NET occupations and wage and labor market data.

Key Components

To increase the number of industry-recognized credentials, CareerTech will take two steps:

- Provide performance-based incentives to schools, especially those related to Oklahoma's key wealth generating ecosystems: aerospace and defense, agriculture and bioscience, energy, information and financial services and transportation and distribution.
- Support certification of new and existing career preparation programs so they assure student eligibility for industry credentials.

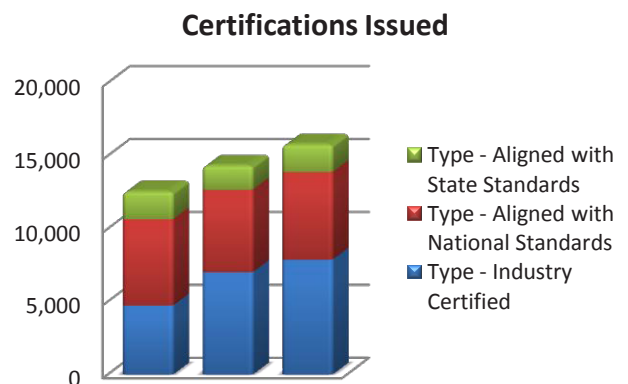
Cost

The cost will be included in the performance funding initiative.

How results will be measured

The success of this initiative will be measured by six criteria:

- Increasing the number of credentials obtained by CareerTech students.
- Increasing the number of ecosystem-related certifications CareerTech students obtain.
- Increasing the pool of highly skilled and credentialed workers.
- Attracting new wealth-generating industries to Oklahoma.
- Reducing the future cost of postsecondary education by providing incentives for CareerTech students to gain college credit.
- Increasing lifetime earning gains for CareerTech students achieving industry-recognized credentials and degrees.



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