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Department of Workforce Development

Career and Technical Education Incentive Grants

2026-2027 Approved Certifications List

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This list is composed of the industry-recognized certifications that may be earned during the 2026-2027 academic year and are eligible for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Incentive Grants program authorized by Wisconsin Statutes 106.273.

Four categories of certifications are included:

1. Business and Industry
2. Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship
3. Wisconsin Certified Pre-Apprenticeship
4. Wisconsin Technical College System

The Business and Industry certifications are divided into career clusters using the recently adopted new career cluster framework. In some cases, multiple certification providers have been approved for the same or similar certification.

Several new certifications were added to the list this year. The newly added certifications are in bold with the word "NEW" after them. The State-Certified Co-op programs offered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) were removed because they are no longer offered by DPI.

How to Use the List

While a student may earn certifications at any time during their high school education (through June 30 of the graduation year), the school district can only submit that student's certification for a District Incentive Grant during the calendar year the student has graduated. Also, the certification must be on the Approved Certifications List for the year in which it was earned. The window for submitting District Incentive Grant claims opens in June and closes in fall. The exact dates are published on the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) CTE Incentive Grants webpage.

Wisconsin Statutes 106.273 also contains a short list of certifications eligible for Student Completion Awards (SCA). Those certifications are eligible for District Incentive Grants and are indicated on the list. For a student to receive their SCA, the school district must submit the claim via the SCA portal on the DPI website, not through the District Incentive Claim portal.

For More Information

For instructions on how to submit District Incentive Grant and Student Completion Award claims, click the Training & Resources button on the DWD CTE Incentive Grants webpage.

For questions related to Business and Industry, Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship, and Wisconsin Technical College System certificates, claim reviews, SCA, or recommending certificates to be on future lists, contact DWD at DETCTEGrants@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

Approved Career and Technical Education Certificates 2026-2027

Business and Industry Certificates

Career Cluster	Certification Provider	Certificate	Required Documentation
Advanced Manufacturing	American Welding Society	• Level 1 SENSE/Entry Welder	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Haas	• Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Certification ()	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Manufacturing Skills Standards Council	Certified Production Technician (CPT) • CPT – Full Program • CPT – Green Production • CPT – Maintenance Awareness • Manufacturing Processes and Production • CPT – Quality Practices and Measurement • CPT – Safety Module	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS)	• NIMS – Any Industrial Technology Maintenance Level 1 certification • NIMS – Any Machining Level 1 or 2 certification	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	FANUC	• Certified Robot Operator 1	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Smart Automation Certification Alliance	Certified Industry 4.0 Associate • C101 – Basic Operations • C102 – Advanced Operations • C103 – Robot Systems • C104 – Internet of Things and Data Analytics	Copy of signed and dated certificate

		Microcredentials (NEW) Requires any four silver certificates or two gold certificates. • **C201 – Electrical Systems 1** • **C202 – Electrical Motor Control Systems 1** • **C203 – Variable Frequency Drive Systems 1** • **C204 – Motor Control Troubleshooting 1** • **C205 – Sensor Logic Systems 1** • **C206 – Electrical System Installation 1** • **C207 – Programmable Controller Systems 1** • **C208 – Programmable Logic Controller Troubleshooting 1** • **C209 – Pneumatic Systems 1** • **C210 – Mechanical Power Systems 1** • **C211 – Industry 4.0 Total Productive Maintenance** • **C212 – Ethernet Communications 1** • **C213 – Smart Sensor and Identification Systems 1** • **C214 – Smart Factory Systems 1** • **C215 – Robot Systems Operations 1** • **C216 – Robot Systems Integration 1** • **C255 – Hydraulic Systems 1**	
	Miller Electric	**Miller OpenBook Welding (NEW)** Any one or more of the following three certificates qualifies. • **Gas Metal Arc Welding (MIG)** • **Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (TIG)** • **Shielded Metal Arc Welding (Stick)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
Agriculture	Briggs and Stratton Corporation	• Master Service Technician Requires the five or six individual certificates all dated within one year. (Pressure Washers and Portable Generators is the sixth and is not necessary if the other five are dated after Sept. 1, 2022.)	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	BASF Certified through iCEV	• **BASF Plant Science Certificate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	U.S. Department of Agriculture	• **USDA Fundamentals of Conservation and Sustainability in Agriculture Certificate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate

	Certified through iCEV		
	Elanco Certified through iCEV	• **Elanco Veterinary Medical Applications Certification (NEW)** • **Elanco Fundamentals of Animal Science Certificate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	National Council for Livestock Certification Assessment (NCLCA) Certified through iCEV	• **NCLCA Principles of Livestock Selection and Evaluation Certificate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	National Horse Judging Team Coaches Association (NHJTCA) Certified through iCEV	• **NHJTCA Equine Management and Evaluation Certificate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	American Meat Science Association (AMSA) Certified through iCEV	• **AMSA Culinary Meat Selection and Cookery Certificate (NEW)** • **AMSA Food Safety and Science Certificate (NEW)** • **AMSA Meat Evaluation Certificate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Sports Field Management Association (SFMA) Certified through iCEV	• **SFMA Turfgrass Science Certification (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Certiport	• **Agriscience Foundations Certificate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
Arts, Entertainment, and Design	Autodesk Certified through Certiport	Autodesk Certified User • Autodesk – Maya • Autodesk – 3dsMax • Autodesk – AutoCAD • Autodesk – Inventor • Autodesk – REVIT • Autodesk – Fusion 360	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Adobe Certified through Certiport	Adobe Certified Professional (ACP) • ACP – Illustrator • ACP – InDesign • ACP – Photoshop • ACP – Premier Pro • **ACP – Express (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	SolidWorks	• Certified SolidWorks Associate • Certified SolidWorks Professional	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Onshape	• **Certified Onshape Associate (NEW)** • **Certified Onshape Professional Credential (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificates

		• **Onshape Fundamentals: CAP Pathway Certificate (NEW)** Requires any two of the above certificates.	
	Unity Certified through Certiport	• **Unity Certified User Artist (NEW)** • **Unity Certified User Programmer (NEW)** • **Unity Certified Associate Game Developer (NEW)** • **Unity Certified Associate Programmer (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
Construction	Carpenters International Training Fund	• Career Connections – Level 3 Certificate	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	HVAC Excellence	• HVAC Excellence – Any Employment Ready Certification	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER)	• NCCER – Any specialty, including Core Curriculum	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	North American Building Trades Council	• Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3)	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	North American Technician Excellence Certification	• HVAC Support Technician	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Woodwork Career Alliance	• Core Credential • Sawblade (Certificates dated before July 1, 2023 will be considered.)	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Electrical Training Alliance	• **Interim Credentials Certificate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
Digital Technology	Adobe Certified through Certiport	Adobe Certified Professional (ACP) • ACP – Dreamweaver	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Apple Certified through Certiport	• Certified Support Professional • Apple Certified Professional • App Development with SWIFT	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Certiport	• Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC3) Information Technology Specialist (ITS) (Replaced Microsoft MTA on June 30, 2022) • ITS – Databases	Copy of signed and dated certificate

		• ITS – Device Configuration and Management • ITS – HTML and CSS • ITS – HTML5 Application Development • ITS – Java • ITS – JavaScript • ITS – Networking • ITS – Networking Security • ITS – Python • ITS – Software Development	
	Cisco	• IT Essentials • Certified Entry Networking Technician • Certified Network Associate • CCT – Routing and Switching • **Certified Support Technician (CCST) Networking (NEW)** • **Certified Support Technician (CCST) Cybersecurity (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	CIW	• Web Foundations Associate	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	CompTIA	• A+ • Security+ • Network+ • Project+ • Cloud Essentials+ Cloud Essentials+ certificates dated before July 1, 2023 will be considered. • **Tech+ (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Google	• Google IT Support Professional	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Linux Professional Institute	• Linux Essentials	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Microsoft (MS) Certified through Certiport	• MS – Technology Associate (MTA) But only prior to July 1, 2022. See Certiport ITS above for the programs discontinued by Microsoft and added by Certiport.	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Oracle	• Any Certified Junior Associate or higher	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	CodeHS	• **Java Level 1 (NEW)** • **JavaScript Level 1 (NEW)** • **Python Level 1 (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate

		• **Web Design Level 1 (NEW)** • **Web Development Level 1 (NEW)** • **Cybersecurity Level 1 (NEW)** • **Cybersecurity Level 2 (NEW)**	
	EC-Council	• **Certified Network Defender (CND) (NEW)** • **Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) (NEW)** • **Computer Hacking Forensic Investigator (CHFI) (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	TOSA Certified through Isograd	• **TOSA – Graphic Certified User for Adobe-Graphic Design (NEW)** • **TOSA – Desktop Certified User for Google Workspace (NEW)** • **TOSA – JavaScript Certification (NEW)** • **TOSA – Microsoft Power BI Certificate (New)** • **TOSA – Python Certificate (NEW)** • **TOSA – Salesforce Certificate (NEW)** • **TOSA – Web Developer Certificate (NEW)** • **TOSA – WordPress Certificate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
Education	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	• Assistant Child Care Teacher • Infant Toddler • **Child Care Teacher (NEW)**	None
Energy and Natural Resources	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	• DNR Operator – Wastewater • DNR Operator – Municipal Waterworks • DNR Operator – Small Water System • DNR Operator – Septage • DNR Operator – Landfill Certification will be verified on the DNR registry.	Complete registry number
	Ducks Unlimited Certified through iCEV	• **Ducks Unlimited Conservation and Management Certificate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
Financial Services	A*S*K* Business Institute	• A*S*K* – Concepts of Finance	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Center for Financial Training through American Banking Association	• Bank Teller • Customer Service Representative	Copy of signed and dated certificate

	Intuit	• QuickBooks Certified User	Copy of signed and dated certificate
Healthcare and Human Services	American Medical Technologists	• Phlebotomy	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	American Society for Clinical Pathology	• Phlebotomy Technician	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Dental Assisting National Board	• National Entry Level Dental Assistant • Certified Dental Assistant	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	National Healthcareer Association (NHA)	• NHA – Any certificate	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Pharmacy Technician Certification Board	• Pharmacy Technician	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS)	• CNA (Certified Nurse Aide or Certified Nursing Assistant) Registry number will be verified on the Testmaster Universe (TMU) registry. Get the CNA Form from the DWD CTE web page under Training and Resources. If the student is not on the TMU registry but completed WTCS coursework for Nurse Aide or Nursing Assistant, the claim must be submitted under the WTCS certification category. • Medication Aide • Feeding Assistant	Complete registry number and completed CNA Form For Medication Aide and Feeding Assistant, copy of signed and dated certificate
Hospitality, Events, and Tourism	American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute	• START (Skills, Tasks, And Results Training in Hospitality and Tourism Management) Requires all six certificates: Certified Front Desk Representative, Certified Restaurant Server, Certified Kitchen Cook, Certified Breakfast Attendant, Certified Guestroom Attendant, Certified Maintenance Employee.	Copy of signed and dated certificates
	National Restaurant Association	• Levels One and Two (Foundations of Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts) • ProStart®	Copies of both levels signed and dated Certificates of Recognition, and for ProStart the signed and dated Certificate of Achievement

Management and Entrepreneurship	A*S*K* Business Institute	• A*S*K* - Any business or marketing certificate	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Google	• G-Suite Certificates dated 2019-retirement will be considered.	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Microsoft (MS) Certified through Certiport	MS – Office Specialist (MOS) 2019 or 365 apps only. Only these certifications are accepted: • MOS Associate* (requires Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and the full Associate certificates) • MOS – Word Expert (only one certificate) • MOS – Excel Expert (only one certificate) • MOS – Access Expert (only one certificate) * Only two MS program certificates are required when both are dated before July 1, 2023. Before submitting a claim, verify that each certificate in the claim was earned through a purchased license. Refer to your school district's MOS license history. If your district does not have proof of purchasing the licenses, do not submit the claim.	Copy of signed and dated certificates
	Express Employment Professional Certified through iCEV	• **Express Employment – Business Office Technology Certificate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Southwest Airlines Certified through iCEV	• **Southwest Airlines Professional Communication Certificate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
Marketing and Sales	A*S*K* Business Institute	• A*S*K* – Any business or marketing certification	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Meta Certified through Certiport	• **Meta Certified Digital Marketing Associate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate
Public Service and Safety	National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)	• NREMT – EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) • NREMT – EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) Certification will be verified on the NREMT registry. Registry number should begin with "R" for EMR and "E" for EMT.	Complete registry number
	Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS)	• DHS – EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) • DHS – EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)	Complete registry number

		Certification will be verified on the DHS registry. Registry number should begin with "7." No "TCTP" or asterisks.	
	International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) via WTCS Fire Education Office	• IFSAC – Firefighter I • IFSAC – Firefighter II • IFSAC – Fire Inspector IFSAC fire services certifications will be verified on the Acadis registry.	Complete registry number
	EMR, EMT, FFI, FFII, and Fire Inspector district incentive grant claims supported by WTCS completed coursework are to be submitted under the WTCS Certification Category. See the WTCS section below for details.		
Supply Chain and Transportation	Snap-on via NC3 certification	• Snap-on – Precision Measurement Instruments (PMI)* • Snap-on – Or any two other certifications** * Requires all six certificates: Tape and Rule, Slike Caliper, Gauge, Angle, Micrometer, Dial Gauge. ** May not be any of the PMI certificates.	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Automotive Service Excellence Education Foundation (ASE)	• ASE – Entry Level Certification – Any area • ASE – Student Career Development – Certificate of Achievement • ASE Certification* – Any area * This option is for certifications beyond student and entry levels.	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair	• I-CARE Full Academy* • ProLevel 1 (retired) * Requires all five: Collision Repair Fundamentals, Disassembly and Reassembly, Plastic Repair, Aluminum and Steel Small Dent Removal, and Preparation for Refinish or the sixth certificate that encompasses all five smaller certificates.	Copy of signed and dated certificates
	Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles	• Commercial Driver License (CDL) If the student completed an approved WTCS program but did not earn the CDL, the claim should be submitted under the WTCS category.	Copy of the commercial driver's license
	Mercury University	• **Mercury Marine Technical Essential Knowledge Certificate (NEW)**	Copy of signed and dated certificate

Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship Certificates

Career Cluster	Certification Entity	Certification	Required Documentation
All YA completion certificates are eligible for District Incentive Grant claims. YA programs exist in all career clusters – see list below. • Advanced Manufacturing • Agriculture • Arts, Entertainment, and Design • Construction • Digital Technology • Education • Energy and Natural Resources • Financial Services • Healthcare and Human Services • Hospitality, Events, and Tourism • Management and Entrepreneurship • Marketing and Sales • Public Service and Safety • Supply Chain and Transportation	Department of Workforce Development	Youth Apprenticeship Certificate of Occupational Proficiency	None (completion verified internally by DWD)

Wisconsin Technical College System Certificates

Career Cluster	Certification Entity	Certification	Required Documentation
Public Service and Safety	Wisconsin Technical College System for EMS	• WTCS – EMR • WTCS – EMT	State-approved program number in xx-xxx-x format and either: 1) A copy of certificate of program completion or diploma 2) A copy of unofficial college transcript with program name highlighted, program number printed or written on it, and redacted in accordance with DPI guidance
	Wisconsin Technical College System for Fire Services	• WTCS – FFI • WTCS – FFII • WTCS – Fire Inspector	
All career clusters: program number must begin with 10-, 30-, 31-, 32-, or 61-	WTCS	• Blackhawk • Chippewa Valley • Fox Valley • Gateway • Lakeshore • Madison College • Mid-State • Milwaukee Area • Moraine Park • Nicolet College • Northcentral • Northeast • Northwood Tech • Southwest • Waukesha County • Western	

Wisconsin Certified Pre-Apprenticeship (CPA) Programs

Career Cluster	Certification Entity	Certification	Required Documentation
Any career cluster	Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards	Certified Pre-Apprenticeship Programs	None (completion verified internally by DWD)

NOTE: This 2026-27 Approved Certifications List is the final year in which Certified Pre-Apprenticeship Programs will automatically be approved for CTE Incentive Grant funding. Starting with the 2027-28 Approved Certifications List, individual CPA programs will need to be recommended to DWD for inclusion on the list by a Wisconsin school district as other certification programs do. The window for school districts to recommend new certification programs for the list is from October 15th through December 1st. Instructions for doing so will be posted nearer to October 15th on the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Incentive Grants website.