Senior Only Credential Programs

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Who is it for?

Students in their senior year who:

• Have completed most of their curriculum requirements.

• Express interest in advancing their portfolio through earning an industry-credential or group of industry-credentials.

• May need to fulfill graduation requirements
What credentials can they earn?

Programs can select from a number of career fields:

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What credentials can they earn?

These credentials align to industry needs, and with in-demand jobs across Ohio:

- **Computer Programmer**
  - Average Salary: $71,648
  - CompTIA A+ Certification

- **Medical Assistant**
  - Average Salary: $31,512
  - Certified Coding Specialist

- **Graphic Designer**
  - Average Salary: $43,066
  - Adobe Certifications
Why offer it?

- Allows for a school to schedule instructional time based solely for senior students to achieve an industry-recognized credential.
- Allows for a school to employ an industry-credential holder through a 12-hour teaching permit to deliver credential specific instruction.
- State-approved senior only programs receive career-technical education funding.
- Schools and districts also may offer credentials to students outside of a career-technical education program by incorporating credential training into new or existing classes.
Why offer it?

Part of a student's pathway to graduation:

"Industry credential and workforce readiness:
Earn a minimum of 12 points by receiving a State Board of Education-approved, industry-recognized credential or group of credentials in a single career field and earn the required score on WorkKeys, a work-readiness test. The state of Ohio will pay one time for you to take the WorkKeys test."
NEW INITIATIVES
House Bill 166 § 265.145. I
Notifying Students

Ohio now requires each school district to notify students who are enrolled in relevant, career-technical education courses about their industry-recognized credential opportunities. Districts can do this in many ways.
House Bill 166 § 265.145. I appropriated $8 million each fiscal year of the current budget for the Department to reimburse school districts for the cost of industry-recognized credentials and/or journeyman certifications students earn.
Industry Credential Payment and Reimbursement ($8 million)

• Districts must pay upfront for the cost of industry-recognized credentials.

• Districts can seek reimbursement for credentials earned through the Ohio Department of Education.
The Department expects to notify districts of the amount of reimbursement for credentials by December 2019.
Innovative Workforce Incentive Program ($12.5 million)

To advance the workforce priorities in our state, Ohio law has created the Innovative Workforce Incentive Program.

The program promotes high school students earning industry-recognized credentials in priority industry sectors, determined by the Office of Workforce Transformation.
Innovative Workforce Incentive Program ($12.5 million)

The Innovative Workforce Incentive Program will identify credentials eligible for an additional $1,250 to be paid to the educating entities. These incentive dollars will be paid to a school district who reports a student as earning an eligible credential.
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Additional resources on the Innovative Workforce Incentive Program, including reporting procedures, is under development and will be made available to districts once finalized.
Innovative Workforce Incentive Program Implementation Grants ($4.5 million)

The law allocated $4.5 million each fiscal year to support implementation of the Innovative Workforce Incentive Program to help districts, community schools, and STEM schools to establish qualifying credentialing programs. This grant opportunity prioritizes senior-only credential programs in schools that do not have such programs.
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