

Requirements for Eligible Postsecondary Credential Programs

- Requirements determined by a State, after consultation with a State board



Alignment

Program must be aligned with “high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sector or occupations”



Meets Hiring Requirements

Program must meet the hiring requirements of employers in the sectors with which it's aligned



Portability

Program must either be “stackable and portable” across more than one employer or lead to the only recognized postsecondary credential for an occupation



Academic Credit

Students who complete the program must receive academic credit toward a certificate or degree program

- Requirements determined by the Department



Length (Calendar Time)

8 to 14 weeks



Length (Hours)

Between 150 – 599 clock hours (or an equivalent number of credit hours)



Modality

Cannot be offered using correspondence courses



Time Offered

Must meet program criteria at least 12 months preceding date school applied for eligibility



Completion Rates

Must have verified completion rate of at least 70% within 150% of normal time



Placement Rates

Must have verified job placement rate of 70% measured 180 days after completion



Value Added Earnings Measure

Must cost less than the median earnings above 150 percent of the poverty line, regionally adjusted