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Using Industry Certification Exams to Assess Technical Skill Attainment- Florida Lessons

Next Steps Working Group

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Technical Skill Attainment

- The Florida Department of Education Division of Career and Adult Education (DCAE) oversees the Perkins Grant for school districts and state/community colleges.
- DCAE publishes 3 TSA inventories annually (secondary, adult (clock hour), college credit). TSA Inventories provide linkages between program and certifications, licensures, and assessments.
- Submission window in late spring.
- Multi-step approval process.

Technical Skill Attainment

Number of Programs by Level with a linked TSA Measure (2012-2013)

Level	Number of Programs	Number of programs w/Enrollment
Secondary	149	140
Adult (Clock Hour)	237	188
College Credit	246	216

Technical Skill Attainment

2012-13 Inventories

- Include 604 unique certifications/licensures/assessments
 - 439 Certifications
 - 86 Assessments
 - 79 Licensures
- Represent 165 agencies/industry groups



Technical Skill Attainment

2012-13 Inventories

Number with TSA Linkages by Level (2012-2013)

Level	Number of Certifications	Number of Certifications with at least one Earned
Secondary ¹	374	161
Adult (Clock Hour) ²	439	189
College Credit	272	Not Available

¹ Includes data reported as of Nov 15, 2013

² Only include district industry certifications

Technical Skill Attainment

- Gold Standard Career Pathways Industry Certification Agreements allow students to earn credit in postsecondary programs for attainment of specified industry certifications.
- 117 Agreements linking the certification to related AAS/AS Degree Programs
 - 92 certifications
 - 109 Agreements allow students to earn between 3 to 9 hours of college credit depending on the certification and program
 - 8 Agreements allow students to earn 10 to 36 hours of college credit depending on the certification and program

Technical Skill Attainment

- Perkins Professional Development Institute
 - Funding for teachers to earn industry certifications linked to respective programs
 - Funds can be used for self study programs or workshops
 - Secondary and postsecondary teachers can take advantage of funds
 - 487 teachers participated in 12-13
 - 464 teachers earned a certification in 12-13

Technical Skill Attainment

- Lessons Learned
 - Critical Information in Reviewing Certifications
 - Test administration policies
 - Industry value/input
 - Rigor
 - Appropriateness
 - Continuous Review
 - Developing a process to re-review current inventories
 - How to address versioning/changes
 - Flow of review process



- Questions?

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Florida Perkins Resources site

http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/perkins/perkins_resources.asp

