



INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS FAQs

What are industry certifications?

- An industry certification is evidence of skills or knowledge related to an occupation, industry or technology. They are recognized by business and industry at the local, state or national level and are required for a wide variety of occupations. To earn a certification, students need to enroll in related courses and usually need to pass a test.

What options are available for industry certifications?

- Kentucky uses a clearly defined process to make sure industry certificates are practical, relevant and align with Career Pathways. Information from local workforce investment boards, the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board and other business and industry groups are used to identify and create a valid list of industry certifications. Schools and districts use this list to determine the certifications to offer that best meet the needs of students and stakeholder.

How do you choose an industry certification?

- Industry certificates are specific to Career Pathways or programs of study. Before choosing a program of study, middle school students should have opportunities to explore interests, skills and abilities. Identifying these are critical to creating an [Individual Learning Plan](#) to guide a student's choice of courses at the high school level.

KY PROGRAM OF STUDIES	SAMPLE INDUSTRY CERTIFICATES
Agricultural Education	iCEV Elanco Fundamentals of Animal Science
Business & Marketing Education	ASK – Fundamental Business Concepts
Construction Technology	TRACK Pre-Apprenticeship Certification
Education & Training	AAFCS Pre-PAC Education Fundamentals
Engineering Technology	Autodesk AutoCAD Certified User
Family & Consumer Sciences	Child Development Associate
Health Science	PTCB Certified Pharmacy Technician
Information Technology	Certiport Digital Literacy IC3
Law & Public Safety	First Responder State Certification
Manufacturing Technology	NIMS Machine Tool Certification
Media Arts	Adobe Certified Associate: Programmer
Transportation Education	ASE Student Certification Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair