

CTE Incentive Grants

2022-23 Approved Certifications List

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The list includes the industry-recognized certifications approved for the 2022-23 academic year that are eligible for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Incentive Grants program authorized by Wisconsin Statutes 106.273. Developed by the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), with input from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and Wisconsin Technical College System Office (WTCS), the certifications list takes into account recognition and validity of the certifying agency, student accessibility, and programmatic rigor.

This list contains:

- The complete set of industry-recognized certifications that have been approved for CTE Incentive Grants when the certifications were earned in the 2022-2023 school year.
- The documentation requirements for all claims submitted with the Class of 2023 graduates.

The certifications fall into five categories:

1. State Certified Work-Based Learning Programs - DPI Cooperative Education Skill Standards (Skills Co-Op).
2. State Certified Work-Based Learning Programs - DWD Youth Apprenticeship.
3. Business & Industry Recognized Certifications.
4. Wisconsin Technical College Certifications.
5. Wisconsin Certified Pre-Apprenticeship Programs.

This list is revised annually to ensure relevance to current industry needs and in accordance with program goals and requirements.

How to Use the Annual CTE Approved Certifications List

Users may need to refer to previous annual lists to confirm that the certifications earned were approved **for the year in which they were earned** but must use the 2023 list to know what the documentation requirements are for claims submitted with the Class of 2023. Lists in effect for previous academic years are available on DWD's [CTE Incentive Grants website](#).

1. Use the list from the year in which the certification was earned to confirm that the certification was approved for the year in which it was earned.
2. Regardless of the year in which the certification was earned, locate the information in the last column on the table below to identify the documentation required to support the claim. If the certification appears on the list for the year in which it was earned but is not on this list, it was probably discontinued. If this is the case, contact DETCTEGrants@dwd.wisconsin.gov for guidance.
3. Ensure that your claim and documentation meet the requirements indicated for the specific certification.

The Updated List

The certifications on the list for 2023 are unchanged from the 2022 list with the exception of some additions due to retirements and updated programs. These are noted within the table.

Changes in Table Formatting

- The first column is now called *Career Cluster* (instead of *Content Area*) with the cluster names aligned with the 16 Career Clusters structure. This means that some previous "content area" names were changed and some new ones added to match the names of the 16 career clusters.
- Many certifications moved to a different or new cluster name, and are now listed in a different order.
- All certifications within a certification category are arranged alphabetically by the career cluster then the certification entity.

Requests to Make Processing Claims More Efficient

- Only one certification per student can be approved for pay. Please consider limiting the number of certifications submitted to two or no more than three per student in order to improve efficiencies in the review process.
- It is expected that districts manage their use of free and purchased licenses for Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) at the district level and be consistent across all of their schools. We recognize that, in the past, some schools have opted out of the statewide agreement while others continue to use free licenses. We prefer that districts are consistent in either all schools being opted out or all schools in the district using free licenses.
- Mixing free MOS licenses and purchased MOS licenses in the same school year is usually problematic regarding eligibility. Talk with your Microsoft representative to learn when and how to opt out of the statewide program before purchasing licenses.
- Unless the MOS certificates were earned through a license that your school purchased and used and is on Certiport's record for purchase, the certificate will be ineligible. Certificates earned through agreements with other districts or tech colleges will not be eligible for this program.

For More Information:

For questions on DPI Cooperative Education Skill Standards Certificates, please contact Diane Ryberg at Diane.Ryberg@dpi.wi.gov.

For technical assistance related to submitting claims for district incentive grants, please create a DPI [help ticket](#).

For all other questions including related to Youth Apprenticeship, Business & Industry, WTCS), Certified Pre-Apprenticeship certificates, claim reviews, student completion awards, or adding certificates to the list, please contact DWD at DETCTEGrants@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

Visit [Wisconsin Statutes 106.273](#) to view the CTE Incentive Grants statutes.

	Career Cluster	Certification Entity	Specific Certification	Documentation Required for Class of 2023 Claims
2023 Skills Co-Op	Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (AFNR)	DPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agribusiness - Animal Systems • Agribusiness - Plant Systems 	None
	Business Management & Administration	DPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Management & Administration 	
	Education and Training	DPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Services 	
	Finance	DPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance 	
	Information Technology	DPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Technology 	
	Human Services	DPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family & Community Services 	
	Hospitality & Tourism	DPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Service 	
	Marketing	DPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing • Advanced Marketing • Professional Sales • Retail Management • Entrepreneurship • Sports & Entertainment Marketing • E-Commerce 	

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2023 Youth Apprenticeship	Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (AFNR)	DWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFNR - Animals • AFNR - Plants • AFNR - Environmental Systems • AFNR – Power, Structural and Technical Systems 	None
	Architecture and Construction	DWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture & Construction-Construction • Architecture & Construction-Design/Pre-Construction 	
	Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications	DWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts, AV Technology & Communications - Printing Technology 	
	Finance	DWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance - Business Financial Management (Accounting) • Finance - Banking & Related Services • Finance - Insurance 	
	Health Science	DWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Science-Therapeutic Services (Nursing, Medical Asst, Pharmacy Tech) • Health Science-Health Informatics (Medical Office) • Health Science-Ambulatory/Support Services 	

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	Hospitality and Tourism	DWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality, Lodging & Tourism - Food/Beverage Services • Hospitality, Lodging & Tourism - Lodging • Hospitality, Lodging & Tourism - Travel & Tourism • Hospitality, Lodging & Tourism - ALL Pathways 	None
	Information Technology	DWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT - General (IT Essentials) • IT - Network Systems & Information Support & Services (Hardware) • IT - Programming & Software Development & Information Support & Services (Software) • IT - Web & Digital Communications 	
	Manufacturing	DWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing - Production • Manufacturing - Production Operations Management • Manufacturing - Maintenance, Installation, & Repair (Industrial Equipment) 	

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	Marketing	DWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing - Professional Sales • Marketing - Merchandising • Marketing - Communications • Marketing - Research/Competitive Intelligence • Marketing - Management/Leadership 	None
	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	DWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM-Engineering & Technology • STEM-Science & Math (Bioscience) 	
	Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics	DWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation, Distribution & Logistics – Mobile Equipment Maintenance • Transportation, Distribution & Logistics – Logistics/Supply Chain Management 	

Business & Industry	Career Cluster	Certification Entity	Specific Certification	Documentation Required for Class of 2023 Claims
	Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (AFNR)	Briggs & Stratton Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master Service Technician <p><i>Requires either the single Master Service Technician certificate or the 5-6 individual certificates all dated within one year</i></p>	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	AFNR	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DNR Operator- Wastewater DNR Operator- Municipal Waterworks DNR Operator- Small water system DNR Operator- Septage DNR Operator- Landfill <p>DNR Operator Certification Lookup Portal to verify certification</p>	Complete registry # or copy of certificate or highlighted unofficial college transcript with PII redacted
	Architecture and Construction	HVAC Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Employment Ready Certification 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Architecture and Construction	National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Specialty, including Core Curriculum 	Copy of signed and dated certificate

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Business & Industry	Architecture and Construction	North American Building Trades Council (NABTU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Architecture and Construction	North American Technician Excellence (NATE) Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HVAC Support Technician 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Architecture and Construction	International Carpenters Training Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Connections – Level 3 Certificate 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Architecture and Construction	Woodwork Career Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sawblade 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications	Autodesk: <i>Certiport is the verification entity</i>	Autodesk Certified User <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maya 3dsMax 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications	Adobe <i>Certiport is the verification entity</i>	Adobe Certified Professional (ACP)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACP - Illustrator ACP - InDesign ACP - Photoshop ACP - Premiere Pro <p><i>*Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) was rebranded to ACP in 2020. Submit ACA claims under ACP.</i></p>	Copy of signed and dated certificate

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Business & Industry	Business Management and Administration	A*S*K Business Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any business or marketing certificate 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Business Management and Administration	Google	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Google Workspace <p><i>Replaces G Suite. Submit either under G Suite</i></p>	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Business Management and Administration	Microsoft (MS) (Note: Certiport is the verification entity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS - Office Specialist (MOS) – any TWO certifications <p><i>Before submitting a claim, verify that each certificate in the claim was earned through a purchased license. Refer to your school's MOS license history.</i></p>	Copies of signed and dated certificates
	Education and Training	DPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asst. Child Care Teacher (ACCT) Infant Toddler (IT) 	None
	Finance	A*S*K Business Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concepts of Finance 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Finance	Center for Financial Training through American Banking Association (ABA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Teller Customer Service Representative 	Copy of signed and dated certificate

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Business & Industry	Finance	Intuit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QuickBooks Certified User <p><i>Migration to Online does not impact eligibility</i></p>	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Health Science	American Medical Technologists (AMT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phlebotomy 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Health Science	American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phlebotomy Technician 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Health Science	Dental Assisting National Board (DANB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Entry Level Dental Assistant (NELDA) Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Health Science	National Healthcareer Associations (NHA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any certificate 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Health Science	National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) <p><i>NREMT Look Up Tool for verification of certification</i></p>	Complete registry # or copy of certificate or highlighted unofficial college transcript with PII redacted
	Health Science	National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) or WI Department of Health Services (DHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) <p><i>NREMT Look Up Tool for verification of certification.</i></p> <p><i>DHS license search: Public Portal (wi-emss.org)</i></p>	Complete registry # or copy of certificate or highlighted unofficial college transcript with PII redacted

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Business & Industry	Health Science	Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)	Pharmacy Technician	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Health Science	DHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNA (Certified Nurse Aide) <p><i>TM Universe registry for verification of certification. Submit the claim under WTCS if only the diploma was earned</i></p>	Complete registry #
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feeding Assistant • Medication Aide 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Hospitality and Tourism	American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute (AHLEI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality and Tourism Management Program (HTMP) • Skills, Tasks, And Results Training (START) Curriculum Completion <p><i>Requires all six certificates: Certified Front Desk Representative; Certified Restaurant Server; Certified Kitchen Cook; Certified Breakfast Attendant; Certified Guestroom Attendant; Certified Maintenance Employee</i></p>	Copy of signed and dated certificate(s)
	Hospitality and Tourism	National Restaurant Association (NRA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 2 NRA Foundations Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts 	Copies of both Level 1 and Level 2 Certificates of Recognition
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ProStart® 	ProStart signed and dated Certificate of Achievement

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Business & Industry	Information Technology	Adobe <i>Certiport is the certification entity</i>	Adobe Certified Professional* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACP - Dreamweaver • Flash (<i>retired 12/31/2020</i>) <i>*Adobe Certified Professional (ACP) replaced Adobe Certified Associate (ACA.) Submit all under ACP.</i>	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Information Technology	Apple <i>Certiport is the certification entity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Support Professional (ACSP) • Apple Certified Professional • App Development with Swift 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Information Technology	Certiport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet & Computing Core Certification (IC3) Information Technology Specialist (ITS) (<i>replaced Microsoft MTA 6/30/22</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Databases • Device Configuration and Management • HTML and CSS • HTML5 Application Development • Java • JavaScript • Networking • Network Security • Python • Software Development 	Copy of signed and dated certificate

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Business & Industry	Information Technology	CISCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT Essentials • Cisco Certified Entry Networking Technician (CCENT) • Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) – Any specialty • CCT – Routing and Switching 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Information Technology	CIW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web Foundations Associate 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Information Technology	CompTIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A+ • Security+ • Network+ • Cloud Essentials+ • Project+ 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Information Technology	Google	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google IT Support Professional 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Information Technology	Linux Professional Institute (LPI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linux Essentials 	Copy of signed and dated certificate

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Business & Industry	Information Technology	Microsoft (MS) <i>Certiport is the certification entity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS - Technology Associate (MTA) <i>but only prior to 7/1/22. See Certiport ITS above for the programs discontinued by Microsoft and picked up by Certiport. Submit ITS under ITS and MTA under MTA.</i> <i>Before submitting a claim, verify that the certificate was earned through a purchased license. Refer to your school's MOS license history.</i>	Copy of signed and dated certificate(s)
	Information Technology	Oracle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Certified Junior Associate or higher 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	IFSAC <i>via WTCS</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Fighter 1 Fire Fighter 2 Fire Inspector <i>WTCS Fire Registry search: Fire Training Lookup tool</i>	Complete registry # or copy of certificate or highlighted unofficial college transcript with PII redacted
	Manufacturing	American Welding Society (AWS)	Level I SENSE/Entry Welder	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Manufacturing	HAAS	HAAS CNC Certification	Copy of signed and dated certificate

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2023 Business & Industry	Manufacturing	Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Production Technician (CPT) full program • CPT - Safety Module • CPT - Quality Practices & Measurement Module • CPT - Manufacturing Processes & Production Module • CPT – Maintenance Awareness • PT – Green Production 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Manufacturing	National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any Level 1 or Level 2 Certification 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Marketing	A*S*K Business Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANY Business or Marketing Certificate 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	Autodesk <i>Certiport is the certification entity</i>	Autodesk Certified User <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AutoCAD • Inventor • REVIT • Fusion 360 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	FANUC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FANUC Certified Robot Operator 1 	Copy of signed and dated certificate

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2023 Business & Industry	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	Smart Automation Certification Alliance (SACA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-101 Certified Industry 4.0 Associate – Basic Operations • C-102 Certified Industry 4.0 Associate – Advanced Operations • C-103 Certified Industry 4.0 Associate – Robot Systems • C-104 Certified Industry 4.0 Associate – IoT and Data Analytics 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	Snap-On	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precision Measurement Instruments (All 6: Tape and Rule; Slide Caliper; Gauge; Angle; Micrometer; Dial Gauge) • Or any TWO other certifications 	Copy of signed and dated certificates
	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	SolidWorks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified SolidWorks Associate (CSWA) - Academic • Certified SolidWorks Professional (CSWP) 	Copy of signed and dated certificate

2023 Business & Industry	Career Cluster	Certification Entity	Specific Certification	Documentation Required for Class of 2023 Claims
	Transportation, Distribution and Logistics	Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Education Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASE Student Career Development - Certificate of Achievement • ASE Entry-Level Certification – any area • ASE Certification – any area 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Transportation, Distribution and Logistics	Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair (I-CAR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any certification, ProLevel I or above 	Copy of signed and dated certificate
	Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics	WI Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Driver License (CDL) 	Copy of Driver's License

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2023 WTCS	<p>All career clusters but program number must begin with 10-, 30-, 31-, or 61-</p> <p><i>Call your LOCAL Technical College FIRST to verify that the program you are claiming is a STATE-APPROVED CPC or ETD and to ensure that you have the program number and requirements.</i></p>	WTCS	<p><i>Actual CNA (not WTCS Nurse Aide or Nursing Assistant course completion) and all claims for certifications related to a student completion award must be entered under the Business and Industry category.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-approved Career Pathways Certificate (CPC*) • State-approved Embedded Technical Diploma (ETD*) • Technical Diploma • Applied Associate Degree (AAS) <p><i>*CPCs and ETDs are approved sets of classes that make up a stackable credential.</i></p> <p><i>You must submit a state-approved program number (in the xx-xxx-x format) and appropriate documentation for each claim under this category.</i></p> <p><i>Note: Dual Credit courses ARE NOT necessarily eligible for this funding.</i></p>	<p>State-approved program # <i>AND</i> copy of unofficial college transcript with courses and program name highlighted, program number printed or written on it, and PII redacted <i>or</i> copy of certificate or diploma</p>

2023 Certified Pre-Apprenticeship	Career Cluster	Certification Entity	Specific Certification	Documentation Required for Class of 2023 Claims
	All career clusters	DWD – Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards (BAS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Pre-Apprenticeship Programs <p><i>NOTE: Not all programs self-identifying as pre-apprenticeships are certified. To be considered for a district incentive grant, the program must have been certified by BAS. The certificate must be dated on or after the date that the program was approved by BAS as a certified pre-apprenticeship program.</i></p>	Copy of signed and dated certificate