Industry Recognized Credential Data Reporting Requirements

Industry Recognized Credentials are certifications, credentials, or licenses that are vetted by employers and serve to recognize skill attainment needed for recruitment, screening, hiring, retention, advancement, or to mitigate workforce shortages. The IRC is endorsed by a nationally recognized trade association or organization in a particular industry.

School and District Report Card

Industry-recognized credentials (IRCs) are part of Career Education data reporting. State statute (Wis. Stat. 115.385) requires DPI to report course data annually in Accountability Report Cards. This is presented in district and high school report cards for grades 9-12. "the number of pupils earning industry-recognized credentials through a technical education program established by a school board as described in s. 118.33 (1) (g) 1. c."
"Successfully completes a technical education program, established by the school board, in a subject or subjects." 118.33 (1) (g) 1. c.

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Career Pathway development

District CTE or Career Readiness teams will also utilize IRC data to strengthen career pathway development. IRCs are used as one of the five size, scope, and quality components of a career pathway as defined by Carl D. Perkins: Strengthening CTE for the 21st Century Act. CTE teams can utilize WISEdash for Districts to analyze IRC participation.

CTE Incentive Grants

Limited to those approved by Department of Workforce Development (DWD), each year; must support worker shortage areas and meet DWD requirements; Directed by WI Statutes Wisconsin Legislature: 106.273

Create district organization method of reporting IRC by scheduling students into an identified course or add to individual student record.

IRCs support Career Pathway development: size, scope, and quality. Career Pathways are created for Perkins and Regional Career Pathways.

Staff is assigned to CTE Incentive Grant application in WISEhome and reports students who earned approved DWD IRC during high school.

Report through Student Information System (SIS) and review in WISE.

IRCs are identified in Perkins grant and Regional Career Pathways.

Report through CTE Incentive Grant application. More information.

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5 Program Names for IRC Data Collection in WISE:
IRC - STATE APPROVED WTCS-Embedded Technical Diploma
IRC - STATE APPROVED WTCS-Technical Diploma
IRC - STATE APPROVED WTCS-Associates
- verify all IRC STATE APPROVED WTCS with local technical college
IRC - STATE APPROVED BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
- approved by DWD
IRC - NOT STATE APPROVED
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Each student will need a final data element of Certificated Program Status Type entered at the completion of the IRC to report properly for report card data. Reference SIS vendor guidance for software data entry instructions. Review students in WISEdata Portal and WISEdash for District before the December Career Education Snapshot.