

ESSENTIAL WORKFORCE SKILLS (EWS) Programmatic Certification



The EWS Programmatic Certification, awarded by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), is an optional, programmatic certification intended to formally recognize career education programs of accredited institutions that effectively help students develop, articulate, and practice the essential workforce skills necessary for long term career success.



What Are Essential Workforce Skills?

- The set of skills needed to succeed in any career and empower students to achieve long-term career success.
- Examples are time management, active listening, project management, self-awareness, and problem solving.



ACCSC's Framework for a High-Quality Career Education Program

ACCSC's Mission is to Ensure Quality Education that Enhances Student Success in the Workforce. ACCSC encourages schools to adopt a framework for high-quality career education programs which includes not only technical and academic competencies, but also workforce competency.

✓ Technical Competency

Skills necessary to perform work tasks in a specific job and supported by theory and practical application determined in collaboration with industry representatives.

✓ Academic Competency

Skills that strengthen and support development of technical and workforce competencies that are cultivated in an academic environment.

✓ Workforce Competency

Skills necessary to succeed in any career and to continuously find, attract, and create opportunities for working and learning throughout one's career.



The Need for EWS Programmatic Certification

Students

There is a growing consensus that essential workforce skills needed in the labor market are in high demand. It's imperative that career education institutions close this skills gap to better prepare students to succeed in the workforce.



Institutions

Institutions can use EWS Programmatic Certification as a reliable source to identify and define the specific essential workforce skills to address in their programs, establish quality criteria against which to evaluate their practices, and provide a structured process for self-assessment.

Employers

Employers need candidates with essential workforce skills to power their businesses and the economy. However, they lack reliable signals to identify programs that effectively address the essential workforce skills they need.

Leveraging decades of experience as an accrediting agency focused on vocational and career education, ACCSC has developed the EWS Programmatic Certification to support and advance the needs of students, employers, and institutions.

ACCSC's EWS Programmatic Certification Levels

Institutions can choose to seek EWS programmatic certification at two different levels of distinction:

Level I



Level I: Program meets minimum standards for EWS Programmatic Certification evidencing alignment to ACCSC EWS standards in four ACCSC EWS competency areas of the institution's choosing.

Level II



Level II: Program exceeds minimum standards for EWS Programmatic Certification evidencing alignment to ACCSC EWS standards in all six ACCSC Essential Workforce Skills competency areas.

Assets and Important Links

Website	Certification Process
Press Release	Online Training Course
EWS Taxonomy	Staff Bios
Certification Standards	Logos + Images + Files

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