

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education
Perkins-Eligible Programs at New Jersey's Community Colleges

Annually, as part of the administration of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) submits to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) an inventory of all degree and certificate programs offered by NJ's community colleges that meet the Perkins-eligibility requirements as determined by NJCCC in collaboration with NJDOE. This inventory is used as the basis for the Perkins Grant application and the Vocational Education Data System (VEDS).

All credit certificates and degrees included on the Perkins-eligible Program Inventory for NJ's community colleges shall:

- be authorized by the College's Board of Trustees,
- meet the degree and/or certificate requirements as provided by the New Jersey Presidents' Council,
- be approved by the New Jersey Presidents' Council and included in the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education's list of Academic Programs, and;
- meet the definition for Career and Technical Education as provided by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.

Additionally, all credit certificate and degree programs must meet the following requirements in order to be included on the Perkins-eligible Program Inventory:

1. **Credit Bearing Certificates** having at least 15 credits of occupational/skill proficiency courses that lead to high wage, high skill, high demand careers in current or emerging professions supported by evidence retained by the institution*.
2. **Credit Bearing Certificates of Achievement** having at least 9 credits of occupational/skill proficiency courses that lead to high wage, high skill, high demand careers in current or emerging professions supported by evidence retained by the institution*.
3. **AAS career degrees** having at least 15 credits of occupational/skill proficiency courses that lead to high wage, high skill, high demand careers in current or emerging professions supported by evidence retained by the institution*.
4. **AFA degrees** having at least 15 credits of occupational/skill proficiency credit courses that lead to high wage, high skill, high demand careers in current or emerging professions supported by evidence retained by the institution*. AFA degrees in the visual and fine arts that are primarily designed for transfer are not eligible. *Examples of high demand careers in current or emerging professions in the arts would include careers as stage managers, stage directors, production assistants, digital media technicians, set design technicians, lighting and sound technicians, digital photographers, etc.*
5. **AS degrees** having at least 15 credits of occupational/skill proficiency courses that lead to high wage, high skill, high demand careers in current or emerging professions supported by evidence retained by the institution*.
6. No **AA degrees** are eligible for Perkins Funding.

Occupational/skill proficiency courses cannot be general education courses.

*Evidence that a certificate or degree leads to a high wage, high skill, or high demand career can be supported by CLNA assessments, EMSI, JobsEQ, DOL Data, NJEEDS, etc.

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