

Arizona Skill Standards Commission

In order to positively impact human capital for economic development in Arizona and to prepare students for successful transition to employment and continuing postsecondary education, the Arizona Department of Education Career and Technical Education Section in collaboration with ASU University College establishes the Arizona Skills Standards Commission.

The Arizona Skills Standards Commission will support the requirements outlined in the following state and federal laws:

HB 2700 signed by Governor Napolitano on June 21, 2006

3.d. Program will be designed to lead the student toward certification that is accepted by a vocation or industry as a demonstration of skill or competency in that vocation or industry.

3. e... requires students to obtain a passing score on an examination that demonstrates a level of skill or competency for that program of study that is accepted by a vocation or an industry

3.f Meets the standards of a career preparatory vocational program as determined by the Career and Technical Education Division of the Department of Education

Carl D Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 signed by President Bush on August 12, 2006

Section 113 Accountability (b) (2) (A) (ii) Student Attainment of career and technical skill proficiencies including student achievement on technical assessment , that are aligned with industry recognized standards if available and appropriate.

The Arizona Skill Standards Commission will fully engage Arizona business and industry employers and in collaborative efforts with other existing community and national organizations in the following responsibilities for high skill, high wage and high demand occupations will do the following:

- Certify valid industry recognized standards
- Validate assessments
- Award the credential to students who have passed the assessment
- Create a brand for value added credential
- Align efforts with existing credential systems by professional groups and trades