

Florida Credentials Review Committee

Master Credentials List: Credential Sequencing

Florida's Master Credentials List is a comprehensive list of state-approved degree and non-degree credentials of value. As required by the [Reimagining Education and Career Help \(REACH\) Act](#), the Florida Credentials Review Committee adopted a [Framework of Quality](#) to identify the credentials of value that should be added to the Master Credentials List.

Florida school districts, Florida College System institutions and local workforce development boards may submit credentials for consideration using the Master Credentials List online application on the [Master Credentials List](#) page on the Credentials Review Committee's website.

The Framework of Quality, approved by the Credentials Review Committee, provides a way for non-degree credentials that do not meet the wage threshold on their own, to satisfy wage requirements by sequencing to a higher-level credential that leads to an occupation that meets the wage threshold. Average earnings associated with the credential seeking inclusion on the Master Credentials List must be greater than or equal to the median wage of high school graduates with no other credential, as calculated using Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program (FETPIP) data (currently \$27,876).

Submitting a Credential for Sequencing Evaluation

Credentials that have provisional approval on the Master Credentials List for not meeting the wage criteria must have a sequencing relationship to another credential required for the next-level occupation that does meet the wage requirement. In preparing to complete the Master Credentials List application, applicants pointing to a sequencing scenario should have the following information:

- 1) The Standard Occupational Classifications (SOC) code used to evaluate the credential must demonstrate a sequencing relationship and be submitted through the online Master Credentials List application.
- 2) The name, certifying agency and most relevant SOC code of the higher-level credential to which the credential sequences.
- 3) Proof the credential is recognized by industry – examples include, but are not limited to, letters of endorsement from an industry association or information from the website of an industry association or similar entity.
- 4) Evidence that the credential in question directly sequences to a higher-level credential that is linked to an occupation that does meet the wage threshold.

Once the above criteria are met, applicants submitting a credential under the credential sequencing criteria may submit the credential for consideration through the online [Master Credentials List](#) application.

Acceptable Evidence to Establish a Sequence of Credentials

The following documentation is accepted to establish a sequence of credentials:

- 1) Articulation agreements connecting one credential to a second credential.
- 2) Documentation from certifying body demonstrating that the specific certification is a requirement or pre-requisite for the next level certification.

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If you have additional questions, please send an email to mcl@careersourceflorida.com with “credential sequencing” in the subject line.

Evaluating Registered Apprenticeships for Credential Sequencing

Registered apprenticeships are industry-driven, high quality career pathways where employers are able to develop and prepare their future workforce and individuals can obtain paid work experience and a nationally-recognized credential. The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is responsible for registering apprenticeships in the state of Florida.

Registered apprenticeships will be automatically evaluated against the Framework of Quality upon registration with FDOE and annually when new labor market information is available. Therefore, Registered Apprenticeships are not required to submit an application for inclusion on the Master Credentials List unless the credential does not meet the demand and wage (if applicable) criteria in the Framework of Quality.

A registered apprenticeship is considered to meet the credential sequencing requirement if the final wage in the wage sequence documented in the apprenticeship standards meet either the representative starting, average, or high-level wage thresholds for postsecondary non-degree awards as published by the Labor Market Estimating Conference.

Registered apprenticeships that do not meet the wage criteria in the Framework of Quality or do not meet the credential sequencing requirement outlined in this document, may submit an application and meet the criteria outlined in the first section of this document.