

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](#) of 2021, the Florida Credentials Review Committee adopted a [Framework of Quality](#) in December 2022 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 via the online application on the [Master Credentials List](#) page on CareerSource Florida's website.

Consistent with the provisions of the REACH Act, the Framework of Quality provides a means for non-degree credentials that do not meet the wage threshold on their own to satisfy the wage requirement by sequencing to a higher-level credential that leads to an occupation that meets the wage threshold – provided the average earnings associated with the credential seeking inclusion on the Master Credentials List are 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 data (currently \$23,612).

Submitting a Credential for Sequencing Evaluation

Credentials placed provisionally on the [2023-2024 Master Credentials List](#) must meet local demand (this segment of cases is addressed in a [Local Demand](#) technical assistance document) or have a sequencing relationship to another credential required for the next-level occupation that meets the wage requirement, or both. Credentials for which such evidence is not provided by Sept. 30, 2023, will not be recommended for inclusion on the 2024-2025 Master Credentials List, which will be considered in early 2024. In preparing to complete the Master Credentials List application, applicants pointing to a sequencing scenario should have the following information in hand:

- 1) The Standard Occupational Classifications (SOC) code used in the initial analysis to determine that the credential in question must be submitted via the online application and demonstrate a sequencing relationship.
- 2) The name, certifying agency and most relevant SOC code of the higher-level credential to which the credential in question sequences.
- 3) Proof that the credential in question is validated and recognized by industry – examples include, but are not limited to, letters of attestation from an industry association or information from the website of an industry association or similarly entity.
- 4) Evidence that the credential in question directly sequences to the next credential linked to the occupation that meets the wage threshold. Acceptable evidence can be demonstrated by articulation agreements or other means of documentation that clearly illustrate the relationship.

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

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