



Criteria Checklist for Work Readiness Credentials of Value

This checklist outlines criteria to evaluate the value and effectiveness of career readiness credentials. It is designed to be adaptable for various contexts, including educational institutions, workforce development programs, and individuals seeking to enhance their employability. This checklist forms the basis for determining whether credentials are endorsed by the National Work Readiness Council (NWRC).

- ◆ **Alignment with Workforce Needs:** Does the credential match high-demand, high-skill, and high-wage occupations in the labor market?
- ◆ **Industry Recognition:** Is the credential valued and recognized by employers in relevant industries?
- ◆ **Stack ability:** Can the credential be built upon for further education or career advancement?
- ◆ **Economic Viability:** Does the credential lead to viable employment opportunities with sustainable wages?
- ◆ **Data-Driven Validation:** Is there evidence, such as labor market data, supporting the credential's relevance and effectiveness?
- ◆ **Quality Assurance:** Are the credentials backed by rigorous standards and assessments?
- ◆ **Portability:** Are the credentials recognized across industry, organization, and state lines?

These criteria ensure that credentials are meaningful and beneficial for both individuals and the workforce.