Verified Program Designation Rubric

Purpose: Determine which educational programs meet or exceed the skills and competencies needed in order to be successful at computing entry-level occupations. Additionally, ensure that the educational providers are reaching and serving a diverse student population.

Processes and standards

Verified Program designation will consist of a two-part process. The first phase will consist of the evaluation of the written applications. If a program's application meets all the criteria set forth, they will move on to the second phase of evaluation. The second and last phase consists of a presentation to employers.

Evaluation criteria for phase #1:

1) The application is completed in full, with no missing or misleading information.
2) Must have a passing score (determined below) on each of the sections.
   o General information
     ▪ Must complete all sections.
     ▪ Must apply to at least one of the three relevant occupations.
   o Diversity, equity, & inclusion
     ▪ Must be completed in full.
     ▪ Must list at least 1 effort that makes the learning environment accessible to a wider variety of populations.
     ▪ Must list at least 1 effort to recruit local residents for enrollment and workforce training.
   o Hard skills
     ▪ Passing score: >80%
     ▪ Consideration upon revision: 70% - 80%
     ▪ Failed score: <70%
   o Employability skills
     ▪ Must teach to at least 1 of the 4 employability skills.
   o Industry engagement
     ▪ Must list at least 1 form of industry engagement.

Evaluation criteria for phase #2:

1) The program or institution must be present during the Verified Program Designation Day
2) Program presentation must adhere to the presentation guidelines.
   a. Timing: Presentation must be within the time limits set and must be courteous of other program's time.
3) Must receive a passing score on the presentation rubric.
     ▪ Passing score: >80%
     ▪ Consideration upon revision: 70% - 80%
     ▪ Failed score: <70%

Computing Scoring Rubric Phase #1

Program title:

Education Provider:

Certificate/Degree offered:

Occupations of focus:

Occupation	Skill	Does the program teach this skill	Courses
IT Support, Systems and Network Administrators	Basic systems and technologies		
IT Support, Systems and Network Administrators	Computer Networking:		
Cybersecurity, Systems and Network Administrators	Cybersecurity basics		
Software Developers	Debugging		
Software Developers	Version Control		
IT Support	Governance and risk		
Systems and Network Administrators, IT Support	Hardware and equipment		
IT Support, Systems and Network Administrators, Cybersecurity	IT Security		
Systems and Network Administrators	Network administration		
Cybersecurity, Systems and Network Administrators	Network security		
Software Developers	Scalability		
Software Developers, Systems and Network Administrators	Scripting		
IT Support, Systems and Network Administrators	Systems testing		

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Certificate	Prepares students to take the exam.	Provides practice exams for students.	pays for the student to take the exam.
A+			
Network +			
ITIL 4 Foundation			
ITIL MP			
Security +			
CCNA			
CISA			
SSCP			

Prepares for exam= 1 point

Provides practice exams= 1 point

Pays for exam= 1 point

Role:	Passing:	Reconsideration:	Failing:
IT Support	5/6	4/6	=> 3/6
Network and Systems Admin	7/9	6/9	=>6/9
Software Developer	4/4	3/4	=>2/4
Cybersecurity	3/3	2/3	=>1/3

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Computing Scoring Rubric Phase #2

Program title:

Education Provider:

Certificate/Degree offered:

Occupations of focus:

Please score the program (1 – 5 points), based on their presentation, on each of the following criteria.

Very Satisfied = 5 Satisfied = 4 Neutral = 3 Dissatisfied = 2 Very Dissatisfied = 1

Criteria	Score	Notes
DEI – Does the program serve a diverse student population?		
DEI – Does that program partake in efforts to improve its inclusivity of a diverse student population?		
DEI – Does the program have different learning environments that provide accessibility to a wider variety of populations? Examples include full-time workers, parents, people with physical disabilities, people with learning challenges, unhoused people, and more.		
DEI – Does the program or institution make efforts to recruit local residents for enrollment and workforce training?		
Employability skills – Does the program provide the necessary tools and opportunities for students to develop their employability skills? Are they sufficient?		
Industry engagement – Does the program provide work-based learning opportunities for students that align with industry needs?		
Industry engagement – Are there active efforts to engage industry/employers in programmatic activities? Such as curriculum development, internships, and more.		
Overall – How well do you believe the programs adequately prepare students for entry-level positions in their selected occupation?		
Total		

Employer feedback: