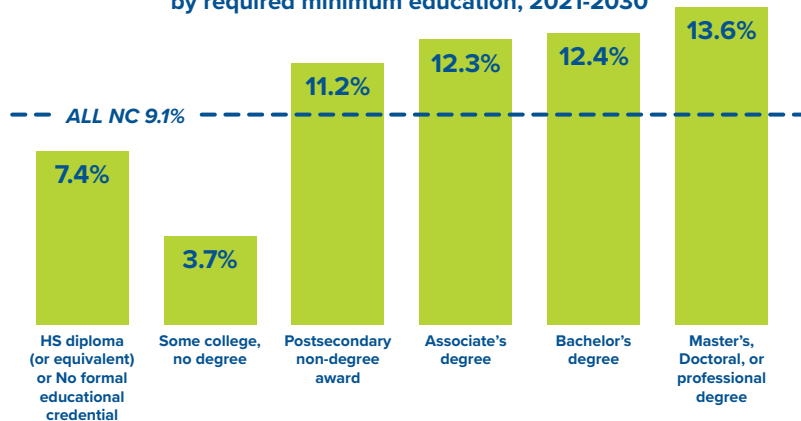


# NC WORKFORCE CREDENTIALS

Businesses value skill sets and credentials that assist in identifying qualified workers, upskilling their current workforce, and helping them better compete in the marketplace.

Education and training beyond high school increases jobseekers' ability to attain family-supporting wages in today's economy. In North Carolina, the fastest-growing jobs require a postsecondary degree or non-degree credential.

Projected Growth Rates of Occupations in North Carolina by required minimum education, 2021-2030



Source: NC Commerce LEED



## Training Workers to Meet Employer Demand

North Carolina Workforce Credentials is a collaborative effort to identify industry-valued, non-degree credentials that help workers in North Carolina obtain in-demand, living wage jobs. **While Foundational credentials are an initial stepping stone, Essential or Career credentials put you on a pathway to a higher-wage career.**

## CREDENTIAL CATEGORIES

| Foundational Credentials                                 | Essential Credentials                                                     | Career Credentials                                           | Advanced Credentials                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Credentials demonstrating standard or baseline skillsets | Credentials with Pathways leading to sustainable-wage careers             | Credentials supporting sustainable-wage careers              | Credentials supporting career progression                                           |
| Examples: Safety, Soft Skills, ServSafe                  | Examples: Vet Tech, Nurse Aide I, Pharmacy Technician, Construction Labor | Examples: CDL, Law Enforcement, Lineworker, HVAC Technicians | Examples: Marine Welding, Certified Cisco Network Professional, Computed Tomography |

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You can earn Essential or Career credentials for high-demand industries through North Carolina Community Colleges and other training partners—or sometimes even in high school. Many can be attained in as short as six weeks to three months.

To see a full list of NC Workforce Credentials and to learn how to submit others for consideration, go to [nccareers.org/credentials](https://nccareers.org/credentials).

### Questions?

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