

Connecting Certificates to the Collaborative Pathway Assessment (cPass)



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The Project



- Working through CETE at KU. (Same group that developed our state assessments)
- 3 State Collaboration
 - Kansas
 - Colorado
 - Mississippi
- Developing End of Pathway Assessments for Career Cluster Pathways

The Process



- Create committees of secondary & postsecondary instructors and business & industry representatives
- Determine topics common to all states within the pathway to create test items for
- Item writing committee writes & reviews items
- Pilot testing

The Pathways



- Comprehensive Agriculture
- Animal Systems
- Plant Systems
- Manufacturing (Production)
- Design & Pre-Construction
- Comprehensive Business
- Finance
- Marketing
- Education/Training

The Progress



- **Comp. Ag.: Created & Piloted. Actual written test will be administered for first time Oct. 24, 2013 – March 2014. CCQ's Pilot this fall. Looking for people to become trained to grade the CCQ's.**
- **Animal Science & Plant Science: Pilot this fall.**
- **Manufacturing-Production: Item writing & item review completed. Pilot spring 2014**

The Progress (cont.)



- **Design & Pre-Construction:** Item writing completed. Item review October 2013.
- **Comp. Business/ Finance/ Marketing:** Item writing is finishing up. Item reviews will take place from October 2013 – January 2014.
- **Education / Training:**

The Pilots



- All pilots expected to be complete by May 2014.
- Will be looking for volunteer schools to pilot!!
- Notices will be sent out through listservs on pilot dates.

What's Next?



- **Developing Certificates to utilize the Assessments**
- **Supported by Industry**
- **Meaningful for Students**
- **Demonstration of high-level Skills and Specific Knowledge in Assessed area**
- **General Agriculture Competency & Skills Certificate, KDA**

Kansas Agriculture Skills & Competencies Certificate

Agriculture employs more than 11% of Kansans and is the largest sector of the state's economy.

Certificate Requirements

1. Must have completed three high school agricultural education credits.
2. Must have been an FFA member for at least two years.
3. Complete either of the following Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) documentation:
 - a. Completed proficiency award application and deemed acceptable at district level, according to the entrepreneurship and placement proficiency award evaluation.
 - b. Earned State FFA Degree
4. Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in all courses, not just agriculture classes.
5. Participate in one leadership event Career Development Event (CDE) and one technical CDE.
6. Satisfactorily complete the comprehensive Agriculture Assessment, level to be considered satisfactory to be determined by the KSDE Education Program Consultant, in consultation with KDA, following the pilot test in spring 2013.
7. As part of the application, students will be asked to select at least five, but up to 10, skills and competencies they have gained through their participation in above activities as reviewed by advisor.

This certificate has been endorsed by the Kansas agricultural community, including Kansas FFA Foundation, Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Grain & Feed Association, Kansas Livestock Association and other industry organizations and employers.

Certificates will be awarded starting in May 2014.

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The Agriculture Industry Needs You...

Begin Working Towards Your Certificate Today.

The Kansas Agriculture Skills and Competencies Certificate will document skills and competencies gained by student participation in agricultural education. The program is an opportunity to quantify and qualify skills gained through the completion of all three segments of the agriculture education model.

The United States Department of Agriculture reported that in 2010-2015 15 percent of jobs are expected to be in agriculture and forestry production.

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