

Administrative Memo

Date: October 25, 2019
To: School Administrators, Career Education Administrators
From: Janice Rehak, coordinator
Subject: CCR-19-011 – Updates to Industry Recognized Credentials (IRCs)

Five new industry recognized credentials (IRCs) have been approved to be added to the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP 5) list of approved IRCs.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education received 33 IRC applications. Of these, 16 were nonresponsive, incomplete or duplicative. In all, 15 applications were reviewed. The following assessments were approved and will be effective in the 2019-20 school year for inclusion in the 2020 APR:

1. Missouri Law Enforcement Skills and Knowledge (MOLESK)
2. Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Ramsay Corporation
3. Aviation Maintenance Technician, General, FAA
4. Medical Assistant Certification (CCMA) through the National Healthcareer Association (NHA)
5. Certified Phlebotomy Technician and Certified and Clinical Medical Assistant Certification, American Medical Certification Association (AMCA)

One current IRC, Cisco Certified Entry Network Technician (CCENT) will be removed from the IRC list as Cisco is eliminating it at the end of the 2019-20 school year.

In compliance with Section 170.029, RSMo, Missouri's secondary IRCs have been crosswalked against the [American Council on Education \(ACE\)](http://www.acecred.org) postsecondary credit review. ACE is a nationally recognized body that provides course equivalency information to facilitate decisions on the awarding of course credit. Schools should contact ACE, and the appropriate postsecondary institution, to determine costs and specific procedures to follow for the awarding of postsecondary credit based on IRC attainment.

View the full list of approved IRCs at <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/cte-irc-tsa-guidance.pdf>.

If you have questions regarding the selection process of IRCs, please contact Janice Rehak, coordinator, at janice.rehak@dese.mo.gov or 573-526-4900.