



CTECS AND CALIFORNIA

To help you get started with the California Career Ready Assessment (CCRA)
Credential Package

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DEFINITION OF THE CCRA CREDENTIAL PACKAGE

- The CCRA is a 100-question online test measuring the implementation of California Standards for Career Ready Practice.
- Behavioral and skill expectations for any career pathway to prepare students for the next step.
- Pre-Test and Post-Test availability
- Instant reporting for educators, by school, by class, by student, by standard
- Online curriculum resources for teachers and students:
<https://wrs.ctecs.org/practice/>
- 75% or higher score passes the exam



PROFILE

- Career and Technical Education Consortium of States (CTECS):
<https://wrs.ctecs.org/about/>
- Established in 1973
- 501 c3, not-for-profit organization
- Consortium of states and partners
- Nationally recognized for its expertise in developing standards and assessment systems based on a valid occupational analysis process.
- The consortium model allows CTECS to connect the best resources and practices from participating partners and members by identifying dynamic relationships and benefits for all.
- [California](#) became a member of CTECS in 2018.

FOUNDATIONS OF AND RESEARCH SUPPORTING THE CCRA

- All test items and teaching resources are correlated from the California Standards for Career Ready Practice to the Workplace Readiness Skills (WRS), established by Virginia and now used in other states.
- Employer research by the Weldon Cooper Center, University of Virginia, a workforce and demographics research institution, helped to establish the original list in 2010 and revalidated research in 2019: [Weldon Cooper Research Summary Report.](#)
- An extensive review of literature on workplace preparedness was also conducted and findings support the skills as well as the need for teaching and learning them.

HISTORY OF SUCCESS

- Nearly 100,000 students use some form of the Workplace Readiness Skills test annually (with the exception of the pandemic year(s)).
- Fully automated testing was established to meet the needs of students who are learning at home and allows those students to safely and securely test without live proctoring.
- The test and credential complements all CTE programs offered in Virginia, Nevada, and Idaho and is infused into those programs.
- Industry has begun to recognize the credential and have supported the research, creation, and continued teaching of the program.

THE CCRA AND THE CALIFORNIA DASHBOARD

- Lisa Reimers, Education Program Consultant, California Department of Education, provides information about CTECS and the CCRA credential package, which satisfies an indicator on the California Schools Dashboard.
- [Go to video](#) testimonial by Lisa.
- Go to the [California School Dashboard](#).

THE CCRA DIGITAL BADGE AND TALLO

Tallo and CTECS partnered in 2020 to

- give students a way to showcase the CCRA Digital Badge
- provide a secure platform on which students can connect with postsecondary opportunities
- allow students a structured way to build a professional profile
- provide educators with longitudinal data
- bring more industry attention to the CCRA credential
- even the playing field for students seeking opportunity and opportunity seeking emerging workforce talent.

Have students register here: <https://tallo.com/ctecs/>

BENEFITS OF THE CCRA CREDENTIAL PACKAGE

- Used as an industry credential in Virginia and elsewhere to provide certification opportunity.
- Emphasizes the teaching and learning of workplace readiness skills in demand by today's employers.
- Complements technical programs with behavioral skills that are often absent.
- Students are prepared to transition to the postsecondary level and employment.
- Career exploration skills help students to be more decisive and set attainable goals.
- Social and emotional learning helps students avoid pitfalls, manage their emotions, enhance their academic performance, and succeed.

PRICING

CTECS Member Pricing:

- **Pre-Test:** \$7
- **Post-Test and Retakes:** \$10
- **Fully Automated Testing:** add \$5 to standard, in-classroom amount

Go to our purchase page: <https://wrs.ctecs.org/purchase-assessments/>

Go to our purchase form: <https://wrs.ctecs.org/ctecs-wrs-ccra-interest-and-follow-up-request/>

OTHER CTECS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

- End-of-program assessments for select CTE programs, customized for you to improve your programs and results.
- The [CTECS Middle School Career Interest Development](#) online course
- The Community of Practice, the annual CTECS meeting that allows state representatives to share best practices and resources among all other consortium member states.
- Willingness to aid other state and local initiatives for CTE program improvement initiatives.

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