

Industry Based Certifications (Continued)

National Professional Certification in Customer Service Human Services Cluster (Consumer Services)

NRFF training and curriculum products align with industry skill standards and highlight career advancement opportunities. NRFF programs incorporate input from employers to ensure workplace success. This professional credential provides an excellent capstone to training programs as they establish clear performance expectations, provide a formal documentation of knowledge, and demonstrate commitment to professional growth.

ParaPro Assessment Education and Training Cluster

The ParaPro Assessment measures the skills and knowledge in reading, writing, and math of prospective and practicing paraprofessionals. It also measures their ability to apply those skills and knowledge when assisting in classroom instruction. In order to obtain paraprofessional certification in Arkansas, individuals must meet one of the following three requirements:

- Completed 2 years of study at an institute of higher education; or
- Obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or
- ParaPro Assessment passing scores.

This project will allow students who successfully complete the program and the assessment to enter the field upon graduation from high school.

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CareerSafe® Certification Non-Cluster Specific

The goal of the CareerSafe program is to teach younger workers how to stay safe in the workplace. By completing the CareerSafe Online Course, students develop a safety mindset and learn valuable skills for their futures. They receive a wallet card that can demonstrate to employers that they have received the basic safety training needed in the workplace, and they become more employable, gaining a competitive advantage in the job market.

Wise Certification Non-Cluster Specific

Most students drop out of college not because of academic failure but because of personal debt and the fastest growing group filing personal bankruptcy is young people ages 18 to 25. wise's Financial Literacy Certification Program (FLCP) addresses the urgent need for financial literacy and education. The program provides high school students with access to financial education and the opportunity to become certified financially literate. Participating schools teach personal finance and administer wise's standardized Financial Literacy Certification (CFL) Test. Teachers have access to training, educational resources, pre-tests, and online practice tests. Students who pass the CFL Test are Certified Financially Literate, earning their CFL. Developed in 2003, the program has expanded nationally and has been widely recognized for its success, including the US Treasury Department's John Sherman Award for Excellence in Financial Education.

AAFCS PRE-PAC Certifications for FACS Human Services Cluster

Pre-PAC utilizes the network of AAFCS members, representing a broad range of business, industry, and education practice settings to develop and administer industry-recognized certifications for pre-professionals in family and consumer sciences careers. The Pre-PAC program includes assessments in the areas of Broad Field Family and Consumer Sciences; Culinary Arts; Early Childhood Education; Education Fundamentals; Family and Community Services; Fashion, Textiles and Apparel; Food Science Fundamentals; Housing and Home Furnishings; Interior Design Fundamentals; Nutrition, Food, and Wellness; Personal and Family Finance.

First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Human Services Cluster

First Aid: Learn how to respond to common first aid emergencies, including burns; cuts; head, neck and back injuries and more. Pediatric option available. **CPR/AED:** Learn how to respond to cardiac and breathing emergencies in adults, including the use of [automated external defibrillators](#) (AED). Adult and infant/child CPR options available.

CDA Credential for Students/Instructors Human Services Cluster

The CDA is an entry level credential which is required in most states for family childcare licensing, and to be lead teacher or a director in a center based program. CDA's are able to meet the specific needs of children and work with parents and other adults to nurture children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth in a child development framework. Earning the CDA Credential has many advantages, including motivating caregivers toward continuing education and providing a platform for professional and career opportunities.

Arkansas Safe Food Handler Certification Hospitality and Human Services Clusters

The Arkansas Hospitality Association (AHA) has introduced a new online food safety training course and certification for food service workers. This course allows students to learn the fundamentals of food safety, sanitation, and personal hygiene. Students who complete the online course and pass the exam receive a certification card good for three years. Visit the online food safety course at: <http://foodsafety.arhospitality.org> to register.

ServSafe Certification Hospitality and Human Services Clusters

The ServSafe training and certification is nationally recognized and accredited as a certification for the food service industry. Students will learn the dangers of foodborne illness, how to prevent it, and the keys to food safety. They'll see where contamination starts, the components for good personal hygiene, how to prevent cross-contamination, and how to utilize time and temperature control effectively. ServSafe will cover all aspects of cleaning and sanitation in a practical, applicable manner. They'll also learn about pest management, and how to keep pests out of the operation. This certification is useful for current and future employment opportunities in the food industry.

ProStart Certification Hospitality Cluster

The ProStart® National Certificate of Achievement (COA) is an industry-recognized certificate that signifies a strong foundation in the basic management and culinary skills considered critical to success by industry leaders. To earn the ProStart National COA, a student must pass the National Restaurant Association's Year 1 and Year 2 exams, and complete 400 hours of mentored work experience.