



National Center for Construction
Education and Research



Mission

Provide rigorous and relevant workforce development solutions that create opportunities for individual career advancement and support industry growth.

Vision

A qualified and successful workforce of diverse individuals whose lives were improved through construction education.

What is NCCER?

The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) is an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit education foundation and the leading provider of construction education for industry and career and technical education programs. With flexible workforce development and learning solutions, NCCER's programs provide consistency and quality to ensure craft professionals and learners receive industry-recognized credentials and certifications.

Today, NCCER develops curricula for more than 40 crafts and disciplines that have been used in all 50 states and in 20 countries. It has more than 1,000 national accredited organizations providing NCCER training, assessments, credentials and certifications in over 6,000 locations across the country.

What Does NCCER Do?

Accreditation

As the accrediting body for the industry, NCCER establishes the benchmark for quality training and assessments through NCCER Accredited Training and Assessment Organizations. By partnering with industry and academia, NCCER provides a system for accreditation that is similar to those found in institutions of higher learning. The accreditation process assures that students receive training based on uniform standards and criteria.

Standardized Curricula

NCCER develops and publishes its curricula in partnership with Pearson, a leading textbook publisher. These competency-based curricula have measurable objectives and are taught by a broad range of accredited NCCER providers worldwide. NCCER uses teams of subject matter experts from contractors and schools to ensure the training curricula meet or exceed industry standards. The curricula meet the Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship requirements for time-based training but are also modular in format, allowing for flexibility and task-based training.



Assessments

NCCER offers a complete series of journey-level assessments and performance verifications that are based on NCCER curricula and have been developed in conjunction with subject matter experts. These rigorous assessments are industry-driven, standardized exams that are administered locally by Accredited Assessment Centers. Credentials are awarded after successful completion of assessments and/or performance verifications. An individual who successfully completes both the assessment and corresponding performance verification becomes certified, NCCER's highest recognized credential in most crafts.

NCCER Credentialing System

NCCER's credentialing system assures portability of skills by providing transcripts, credentials, certifications and wallet cards for individuals who successfully complete any NCCER training or assessments conducted by an NCCER accredited organization. This secure system assigns unique NCCER numbers to participants and enables employers to verify current and potential employee credentials.

Image Enhancement and Recruitment

Build Your Future (BYF) is NCCER's national image enhancement and recruitment initiative for the construction industry. Its mission is to recruit the next generation of craft professionals through its three primary goals:

- 01 Make career and technical education a priority in secondary schools.
- 02 Shift negative public perception about careers in the construction industry.
- 03 Provide a path from ambition, to training, to job placement as a craft professional.

BYF provides a number of resources to assist industry, education and military organizations in achieving these goals.

Global

NCCER has partnered with Pearson to provide training and certification as a solution to the global shortage of skilled construction craft professionals. NCCER's credentials and online verification system allow organizations worldwide to train, access and confirm the skills of their workforces.