



Talk to your students and make a difference.

Helping your students stand out from the crowd is easy – and it's FREE! Contact your area program specialist or visit www.sdmylife.com/educators for more information about using the NCRC in your school!

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The WorkKeys system, developed by ACT, is the gold standard in workplace assessment used by thousands of companies throughout the world. Learn more at workkeys.com



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Not "just another academic test."

This isn't an academic assessment. NCRC is a skills test that matches talent with work – which helps people find great jobs, companies find skilled workers, and our nation's economy grow and prosper. More than 2.3 million certificates have been issued since 2006, and more than 40 states have statewide or regional certificate programs.



NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE®
Theirs for the taking.

Another tool for success.

Between Career & Technical Education and SDMyLife, students have a lot of tools to choose from to get a head start on successful career. The National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) is one more.

Developed and issued by ACT, NCRC is a way for students to show prospective employers they have the skills they're looking for in new hires.

What does NCRC measure?

NCRC is a 3-hour assessment that focuses on three targeted skills:



Applied Mathematics

Measures students' ability to apply mathematical reasoning to work-related problems



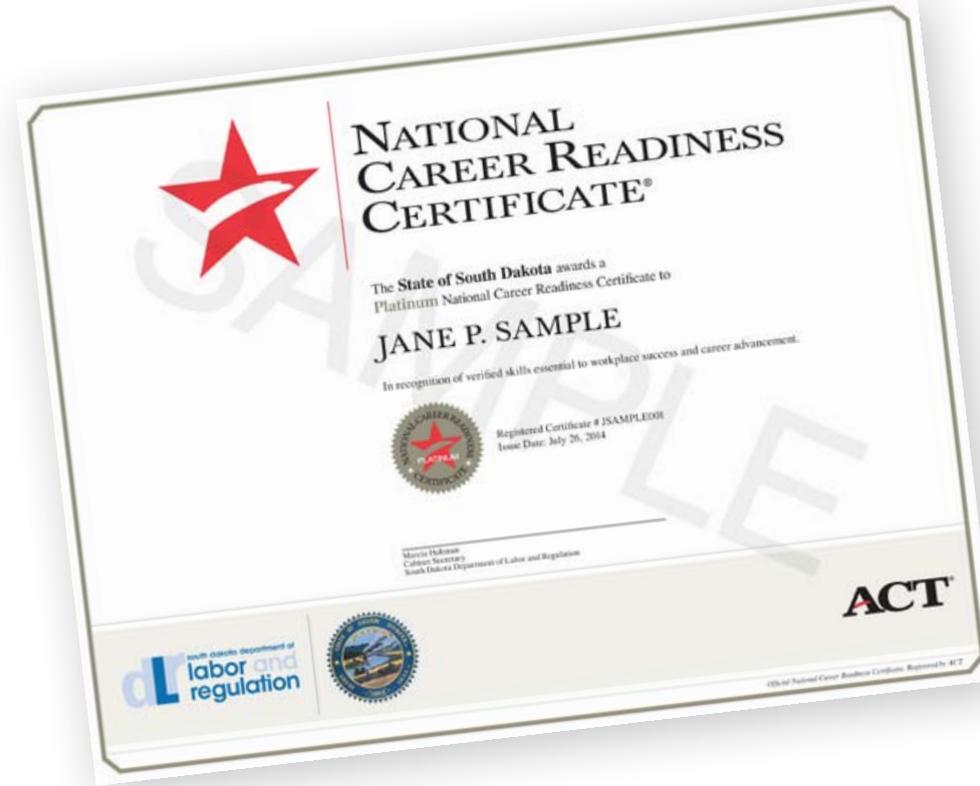
Locating Information

Measures students' ability to use information from diagrams, floor plans, tables, graphs, and charts



Reading for Information

Measures students' ability to comprehend work-related reading materials from memos to policy manuals



Why get certified?

Certificates are awarded at one of four levels based on performance. **According to ACT research, higher certificate levels lead to higher pay.** Some benefits include:

- Universally valued certificate used across all sectors.
- Sets you apart from other applicants.
- Provides employers with verifiable evidence of candidates job skills.



Platinum skills for 99% of the jobs in ACT's extensive database of occupational profiles—the largest of its kind.



Gold skills for 90% of the jobs in our database.



Silver skills for 65% of the jobs in our database.



Bronze skills for 35% of the jobs in our database.

Why do employers care about NCRC?

NCRC is a proven program because it's based on the WorkKeys system that many employers have used for nearly 20 years to document real results, including decreased turnover and training time. Along with other education and background information, the Certificate is a valuable tool in making employment decisions.

Getting the best of the best.

The National Career Readiness Certificate is designed to be an accurate prediction about how successful people will be on the job. From screening, selection, training, development, and succession planning, you can use NCRC to better match applicant skills to available positions.

