

Worknet, Joblink, and Beyond: Resources for Work Readiness and Employment

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How do immigrants validate their professional credentials?

- No government agency or single standard
- Licensing is state-regulated
- U.S. Dept. of Education International Affairs Office **U.S. Network for Education Information (USNEI)**

<http://sites.ed.gov/international/what-we-do/information-on-u-s-education-and-mobility/>

What's on a general credential evaluation report?

- Describes each certification or diploma
- Period of time covered
- Provides a U.S. equivalency



Good for employment when licensing or certification is not required.

For some professions, additional credential evaluation is needed

- Postsecondary course-by-course evaluation
- U.S. credit and grade equivalent for each course
- U.S. equivalent grade point average



Cautions

- Ask what services are offered
- Find out what information is on each report
- Consider fees (and hidden costs)
- Recognition of evaluator
- Watch out for sponsored ads



Where to start:
Credential Evaluation Services

- World Education Service (WES)
<http://www.wes.org/>
- National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) member list
<http://www.naces.org/members.html>



Not everyone needs outside credential evaluation



How do you know what credentials are needed?
Career One Stop Occupation Profiles



Sample Occupation Profile

Education and Training

Occupation: **Dietitians and Nutritionists**
 Typical **education** needed for entry: **Bachelor's degree**
 Typical **work experience** needed for a job in this occupation: **None**
 Typical **on-the-job training** once you have a job in this occupation: **Internship/residency**

Related Instructional Programs:

- Clinical Nutrition/Nutritionist
- Dietetics and Clinical Nutrition Services, Other Dietetics/Dietitian
- Foods, Nutrition, and Related Services, Other Foods, Nutrition, and Wellness Studies, General
- Foodservice Systems Administration/Management
- Human Nutrition
- Nutrition Sciences



What credentials are available or required for specific occupations?

- Career One Stop – Credentials webpage
- www.careeronestop.org/credentials



Nutrition & Wellness Consultant Certification(CNC)

Certification Description

The AFPA Nutrition & Wellness Consultant Certification program will teach you to give educated guidance to persons seeking nutritional advice on weight management and enhancing health and fitness performance. You will learn the fundamental skills of counseling strategies and protocol, complimented by action-based worksheets and practical case studies. Learn how to effectively communicate with clients to reach their desired goals.

Certifying Organization

American Fitness Professionals and Associates
<https://www.afpafitness.com/>

Certification Details

- Education and Training Required? **No**
- Work Experience Required? **No**
- Oral or Written Exam Required? **Yes**
- Renewal Required? **Every 2 Year(s)**
- Renew through Continuing Educational Units(CEU)? **Yes**
- Does applicant have choice of at least two options from above for renewal (CEU, CPD, or exam)? **No**

**More Certification Information**

[Nutrition & Wellness Consultant Certification Website](#)

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Required partners

- IL Dept of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
- IL Community College Board
- IL Dept of Employment Security
- IL Dept of Human Services

Immigrants need English skills

- To re-enter original profession
- To enter new career pathway
- To take job training
- To apply for jobs

Adult Literacy Hotline
800-321-9511



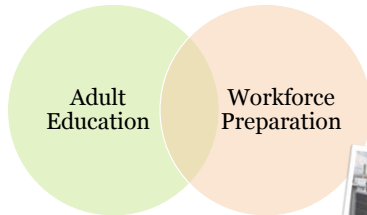
Adult Education Services



- Basic literacy, math, ESL, and workforce preparation
- High school equivalency (GED, HiSet, TASC)
- Bridge programs

Uh-oh!
Many online employment sites require applicants to check that they hold a U.S. high school diploma or equivalent.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)



Job Training Services

Illinois workNet www.illinoisworknet.com

- Retraining for a new occupation at approved schools (IDCEO)
- Job training for people who have disabilities
- Youth employment training
- ...and more

• Illinois Job Link www.illinoisjoblink.com

- Education and training search



Finding Jobs

• **Illinois Job Link**

www.illinoisjoblink.com

• **Illinois workNet**

www.illinoisworknet.com

• **Career One Stop**

<http://www.careeronestop.org/jobsearch/findjobs/find-jobs.aspx>

