



# NCCER

THE STANDARD FOR DEVELOPING  
CRAFT PROFESSIONALS

## MISSION

To build a safe, productive and sustainable workforce of craft professionals

## VISION

To be universally recognized by industry and government as the training, assessment, certification and career development standard for construction and maintenance craft professionals

## WHAT IS NCCER?

NCCER is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) education foundation that was created in 1996 as The National Center for Construction Education and Research. More than 125 construction CEOs and various association and academic leaders united to revolutionize training for the construction industry. Sharing the common goal of developing a safe and productive workforce, these companies created NCCER as a standardized training and credentialing program. NCCER provides a consistent program of accreditation, instructor certification, standardized curricula, assessments and certifications with industry-recognized, globally portable credentials.



## ACCREDITATION

As the accrediting body for the industry, NCCER establishes the benchmark for quality training and assessments through NCCER Accredited Training Sponsors and Accredited Assessment Centers. 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. NCCER's Instructor Certification Training Program is integral in this process and begins when NCCER certifies a Master Trainer, who in turn certifies the local craft instructor.

## 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. NCCER curricula meet the Department of Labor's Office in Apprenticeship requirements for time-based training and are modular in format, allowing for flexibility and custom task training.



## ASSESSMENTS

NCCER offers a complete series of journey-level written assessments and Performance Verifications that are based on NCCER curricula and have been developed in conjunction with Subject Matter Experts and Prov™, NCCER's test development partner. These rigorous written assessments are industry-driven, standardized exams that are administered locally by Accredited Assessment Centers. In addition, the Performance Verifications are designed to assess an individual's skill level on specific tasks in a controlled, observable and measurable manner by a qualified NCCER Performance Evaluator. Credentials are awarded after successful completion of written assessments and/or Performance Verifications. An individual who successfully completes both the written assessment and corresponding Performance Verification becomes Certified, NCCER's highest recognized credential in most crafts.

## NCCER REGISTRY SYSTEM

The NCCER Registry System is a credentialing and certification system that assures portability of skills. It provides transcripts, certificates and wallet cards for individuals who successfully complete any NCCER standardized training program conducted by an NCCER accredited organization. The system also records all assessment results, including Performance Verifications, 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:

- 1 Make career and technical education a priority in secondary schools.
- 2 Shift negative public perception about careers in the construction industry.
- 3 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.