



## Credential Tip Sheet: Career Connections

Career Cluster: Architecture & Construction

CIP Code: 46.0000

CIP Program Name: Construction Trades

Credentialing Agency: Carpenters International Training Fund (CITF)

Industry-recognized credential: Carpenters International Training Fund (CITF) – Career Connections books, One Trade Many Careers, and Level 3 Residential Construction

### What are the content areas covered by the credential?



teamwork, and taking initiative.

The CITF-Career Connections credential covers safety, hand & power tools, building materials, residential construction including interior doors, interior finish drywall, framing walls, foundation & fastenings, interior trim & moldings, exterior finish doors & windows, framing ceilings & rafters, foundation and building layouts. The program also includes training in employability skills including goal setting, positive attitude, punctuality,

Teachers can learn more about Career Connections by visiting <https://citfcareerconnections.org/> and accessing the Educators tab.

### Credential Qualifications or Pre-requisites

Teachers must use and students must complete unit/topic proficiencies within CITF to earn a credential.

### Exam Information

CITF requires students to complete unit proficiency to earn the credential. Upon successful completion of projects and proficiencies, the instructor requests certificates from a CITF Outreach Specialist. Completion of CITF training may provide readiness for a future apprenticeship program.

## Who is eligible to take the credential?

Student concentrators in state-approved CTE programs who have completed at least two Perkins Course Competencies (PCC) with a 2.0 or better and have completed the qualifications and instruction required by the credentialing body may take the credential exam.

A PCC is a specific set of related CTE competencies based on standards from one CIP code that are grouped together. For Perkins V reporting, standardized courses will be termed "PCCs." (Source: [Perkins V FINAL Definitions: Course, Participant, Concentrator, Completer](#) memo)



Credentials earned may be recorded for students in the Career and Technical Education Information System (CTEIS) through August 31<sup>st</sup> of the student's graduation year. Step-by-step instructions on how to enter credentials in CTEIS can be found here: [Manage Credentials Guide](#).

With the use of the Career Connections comes an articulation agreement, students are earning credits toward the apprenticeship program while still in High School. After completing each book, students receive a certificate of completion showing the credit they've earned. This gives them a great head start in practical knowledge and income potential upon graduation.

## Contact Information

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