



Credential Tip Sheet: United Brotherhood Career Connections + MC3

Career Cluster: Architecture & Construction

CIP Code: 46.0000

CIP Program Name: Construction Trades

Credentialing Agency: United Brotherhood of Carpenters

Industry-recognized credential: Carpenters International Training Fund (CTIF) - Career Connections Level 1-3 + MC3

What are the content areas covered by the credential?

The CITF-Career Connections credential covers safety, hand & power tools, building materials, small scale projects (tote box, bird house, step stool, book case, tool box); larger projects (saw horse, picnic table, skateboard ramp, shed & play house); residential construction including interior doors, interior finish drywall, framing walls, foundation & fastenings, interior trim & moldings, exterior finish doors & windows, framing ceilings & rafters, foundation building layouts; and, commercial construction concepts including wall layout, light gauges, metal framing, drywall installation, taping & finish, doors & hardware, acoustical ceilings, flooring options.



Teachers can learn more about Career Connections by visiting [Carpenters International Training Fund \(CITF\)](#) website and accessing the [CITF Training Verification Card Fact Sheet](#).

Teachers can learn more about the MC3 credential by viewing the [MC3 Guide for CTE Teachers](#) slideshow, the [NABTU MC3 Frequently Asked Questions](#) or by visiting the [NABTU website](#).

Credential Qualifications or Pre-requisites

CITF verification cards provide employers with real-time verification of training, certification and skill qualifications through use of a scan code. Teachers must use and students must complete unit/topic proficiencies within CITF to earn a training verification card (TVC). There are no prerequisites to earn the MC3 credential.

Exam Information

CITF requires students to complete unit proficiency to earn the Training Verification Card (TVC). Upon successful completion of projects, the instructor sends a completed checklist of the requirements for projects to CITF to request the TVC for the student. Completion of CITF training may provide readiness for a future apprenticeship programs.

The Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) is a comprehensive, 120-hour apprenticeship preparation curriculum. It is taught face-to-face but is delivered in an online learning management learning

system. Upon successful completion the student will receive a NABTU Apprenticeship Readiness Certificate. To access the MC3, a Building Trades Council and/or their partner schools must first submit an MC3 Implementation Plan and Intellectual Property Agreement to the Building Trades National Office (nschwartz@nabtu.org) for approval.

Who is eligible for 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 31st of the student's graduation year. Step-by-step instructions on how to enter credentials in CTEIS can be found here: [Manage Credentials Guide](#).



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