



## **Credential Tip Sheet: American Hotel & Lodging Association Industry-recognized credential: Hospitality and Tourism Specialist**

Career Cluster: Hospitality & Tourism

CIP Code: 52.0901

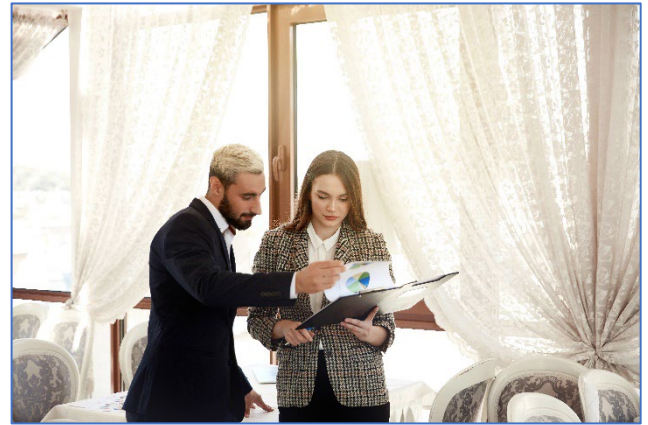
CIP Program Name: Hospitality Administration Management, General

Credentialing Agency: American Hotel & Lodging Association

Industry-recognized credential: Hospitality and Tourism Specialist

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

The Hospitality & Tourism Specialist (HTS) certification verifies proof of understanding of the industry and foundational skills and knowledge in the areas of lodging, food and beverage operations, event management, attractions, and tourism. The American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute [website](#) has more information.



### **Credential Qualifications or Pre-requisites**

100 hours working in any role in a segment of hospitality:

- Lodging, food & beverage operations, tourism, travel and transportation, event management or attractions.
- Hours must have been earned within 5 years of taking the exam.

For alternative/supplemental work experience, visit [AHLEI Hospitality and Tourism Specialist Credential Program](#) webpage.

### **Exam Information**

The exam will be given by an AHLEI recognized proctor. There are 100 questions and a 3-hour time limit to take the exam. Pass/Fail status is sent to the proctor and student. One retest is included with the purchase price. The HTS certificate is a foundational certificate. There are several additional industry certificates with advanced placement.

## 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 30<sup>th</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](#).



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