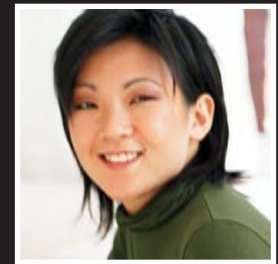


Case Study: Pioneer Technology Center

CERTIFY YOUR CAREER!

CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE



About Career Readiness Certificate

The Career Readiness Certificate is a job skills assessment system that measures “real world” skills that employers believe are critical to success in a job environment. These skills are valuable for any occupation—skilled or professional—and at any level of education. With a database of more than 14,000 job profiles, the Career Readiness Certificate first identifies the skills needed on the job, and then subsequently assesses an individual’s skill level. If there are any gaps between the employee’s necessary skill level and the current skill level, the Career Readiness Certificate will help identify the training needs and provide skill upgrade training.

About Pioneer Technology Center

Located in Ponca City, Oklahoma, Pioneer Technology Center provides education and training for both high school students and adults, in high-demand occupations.

Each year, more than 8,000 students enroll in a variety of programs and services, including technical training and certifications.

Results

- Career Readiness Certificates are providing a common, objective language for discussing workplace skills
- Provides students with a portable credential that verifies their skill level
- Teachers and counselors are helping students evaluate their priorities and their goals relative to where their current skill levels are. Additionally, they are helping them to gain the necessary skills required for a career.

Services Used

- Career Readiness Assessments
- KeyTrain
- WorkKeys

For more information about Pioneer Technology Center, please visit www.pioneertech.org

“Finally we have an assessment tool that allows the potential employee, the educator/trainer and employer, to all be on the same page.”

-Tim Burg, Ponca City Development Authority

The Challenge

Finding applicants who possess the needed skills to perform a job, or the demonstrated ability to learn those skills and progress in business and industry.

The Needs

Assessing a student's skills relative to a job, and improving a student's basic workplace skills to successfully qualify and retain a high-skilled, high-wage career.

The Solution

Comprehensive skills assessment and supplementary training if considered necessary.

Present and Future Outlook for the CRC

After Pioneer Technology Center’s commitment to Career Readiness Certificates, there has been a dramatic improvement in the caliber of students and clients that have completed their career education and training program. The upward trend is expected to continue, and the community will enjoy the benefits of a highly trained and skilled worker. The worker will also have a portable credential that shows they possess the certain fundamental skills needed in the workplace.

“We now can literally validate that each student has indeed sufficiently mastered a specific skill and knowledgeable levels desired for their specific career or employment goals.”

-Tim Burg, Ponca City Development Authority

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