

260I.6 Eligible certificate programs.

For the purposes of [this chapter](#), “*eligible certificate program*” means a program meeting all of the following criteria:

1. The program is aligned with a certificate, diploma, or degree for credit, is either not offered for credit or is offered for short-term credit that is not eligible under the federal Pell grant program, and does any of the following:

- a. Offers a state, national, or locally recognized certificate.
- b. Offers preparation for a professional examination or licensure.
- c. Provides endorsement for an existing credential or license.
- d. Represents recognized skill standards defined by an industrial sector.
- e. Offers a similar credential or training.

2. The program offers training or a credential in an in-demand occupation. For the purposes of [this chapter](#), “*in-demand occupation*” includes occupations in the following industries:

- a. Information technology.
- b. Health care.
- c. Advanced manufacturing.
- d. Transportation and logistics.
- e. Any other industry designated as in-demand by a local workforce development board established pursuant to [section 84A.4](#).

[2011 Acts, ch 132, §84, 106](#); [2016 Acts, ch 1118, §20, 21](#); [2023 Acts, ch 111, §31](#)