

Informed by the State 5-year Perkins Plan, VT DOE developed an assessment plan for State Perkins compliance, specifically identifying initial programs for FY09 focused tasks. Technical skill assessment student performance levels will be reported on the “Final Agreed Upon Performance Levels” (FAUPL) form in December 2009. Previously used performance indicators such as GPA, competency list check-off and course grade will not be reported any longer.

NOTE: “Perkins Assessments” are utilized to measure and verify students’ attainment of knowledge and skills at an approved level in a program of study.

CTE assessments will be selected or developed on a State-wide basis for use in approved programs. The approved assessment will be selected or developed by State-wide groups of faculty and appropriate business/industry stakeholders and approved by VT DOE. An approved assessment for State-wide use in a program could be selected for consideration from the following:

1. State license appropriate for program of study when available
2. Industry recognized certification, skills exam, where such exists that addresses the scope of program, the scope of the student population, and includes a valid/reliable assessment aligned to recognized industry standards (e.g.ACF, ProStart, CISCO, etc)
3. State developed assessment, approved by VT DOE and an approved industry group or organization as an appropriate and acceptable tool for evaluation of skill mastery for the programs of study on a State-wide basis.
4. Nationally developed test, aligned with national standards, verified by employers/industry experts in the field of study.

The FY09 assessment development plan and selected programs of study are listed below. VT DOE will convene faculty members from these selected programs to begin this work in Fall/Winter 2008.

Vermont CTE Skill Assessment Development Pilots

Program Area	Activity	Who Will Participate In Work	Timeline	Pilot Sites
Automotive Technology	-develop an electronic computer based version of the Vermont Automotive Technology Assessment -review test item performance of instrument used State-wide for all Auto programs 2008-09	GSX, VTECS, Pitsco, VADA, program faculty, postsecondary	Spring 2009	George Dykstra-VADA Joe Sequin-North Country Fred Little-Hannaford Oliver Brassard-Windham Ctr. VTC Faculty
Culinary Arts	-skill standards alignment	industry representatives, culinary instructors, national consortium item bank, DOE	Fall-winter 2008	Mark Molinaro-NECI Brian McMahon or TBD-Essex Frances Woodward –N. Country Paula B. or TBD-St Johnsbury W. Danforth-Hannaford David Groenewold & Donna Vargas-TBD-River Valley Aaron Tomlinson-Hartford Michael Antoniak-NW Leeann Wright-NW
	-test item selection, development, verification	culinary faculty, national consortium item bank, DOE, VT Chamber	Pilot: Spring 2009	All regional center Culinary Programs
Business Management	skill standards alignment, test item selection	post-secondary and secondary business management faculty, DOE	Winter 2008	Mike Gilbert-Barre Cheryl Niedzwiecki-Rutland Nancy McDermott-North Country Melissa Connor-River Valley VT Business Teachers Association

	test item selection, development, verification	Business management faculty, national consortium item bank, VTECS, DOE, Industry	Pilot: Spring 2009	As listed above, additional encouraged to pilot assessment instrument
Carpentry, HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing	Carpentry-Pilot NCCT		2008-2009	All Carpentry programs
	All other programs except carpentry, -skill standards alignment of construction core	industry representatives, construction technology faculty, VTECS, DOE	2008-2009	
	Test item selection, development, verification	Construction faculty, VTECS, DOE, AGC	Fall 2009	
Information Convergence Technology	-analysis of current secondary IT programs, -compare against state-of-the-art IT skill standards, curriculum alignment	GSX, DOE	January-May 2009	Barre Randolph Green Mtn Hartford-Leroy Martelle St Johnsbury
	-test item selection, development, verification	ICT instructors, national consortium item bank, GSX, DOE	Pilot: Spring 2010	