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## REPORT: Dislocated Workers Find New Jobs Faster with Skills Credentials

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Skills Credentials, Speed to Employment: Two new reports from ACT demonstrate how dislocated workers in Ohio benefit from earning industry-recognized skills credentials.

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### Case Study

When workers learn that they will lose their jobs due to plant closings, skills credentials can help them find new employment more quickly. A case study describes how dislocated manufacturing workers in the Cincinnati, OH, area improved their opportunities by taking ACT WorkKeys® tests and earning the Certified Production Technician (CPT) designation. Higher ACT WorkKeys scores increased the chances of qualifying for the CPT and shortened the time to employment.

### Research Brief

The positive outcome for Cincinnati workers has broader implications. Independent research conducted jointly by ACT and the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC) compared scores achieved on ACT WorkKeys Applied Mathematics and Reading for Information exams with success in qualifying for the CPT. Researchers analyzed independent data collected as

### The Credentials

Credentials issued by ACT and the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC) serve as the foundation for the Manufacturing Skills Credentialing System (MSCS) endorsed by the National Association of Manufacturers. The ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC™) and the Certified Production Technician (CPT) certification establish a formidable foundation for the MSCS. They help emerging and dislocated workers acquire foundational work-related skills and technical competencies needed for successful manufacturing careers.

part of a training program conducted in another part of Ohio under grant funding from the US Department of Labor. The results show that combining ACT WorkKeys assessments and CPT certification creates a faster pathway to manufacturing jobs.

Get the reports

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