



WoodLINKS-USA Certification

Background

WoodLINKS certification is an international standard for entry-level employment in the North American wood industry. The long-term objective is to build a multi-level certification system similar to the NIMS credential developed by the metalworking industry.

Industry and educator partners delivering WoodLINKS programs are invited to submit their comments and suggestions regarding certification to the WoodLINKS - USA Board of Directors.

Certification Elements

WoodLINKS certification is currently awarded at 2 levels: Introduction and Advanced. Both levels are required for full certification.

Students who apply for WoodLINKS certification have to:

1. ***Write the WoodLINKS certification exam for each level***
 - A multiple-choice test set and managed through WoodLINKS.
2. ***Be evaluated by a WoodLINKS Teacher***
 - Evaluation tools used are at the teacher's discretion
3. ***Undergo a Partnership Evaluation for each level***
 - Each student must complete the WoodLINKS Practical Skills CheckLIST, and have it signed off by at least 1 teacher and 1 industry partner

Certification Grading

Student performance on the WoodLINKS certification examination is equal to 40% of the certification score.

The WoodLINKS teacher's evaluation of student in-class performance is equal to 60% of the certification score.

Student completion of the Practical Skills CheckLIST is mandatory to qualify for certification.

To be awarded certification, a student must score a combined grade of at least 70% from the certification exam and the teacher evaluation, for each level (Introduction or Advanced). Full certification requires completion of both Introduction and Advanced Wood Products Manufacturing.

Certification Fees

A certification fee of \$50 per level is administered each time a student applies for certification. A student may apply for certification as many times as desired.