





# **Objectives**

- Celebrate DC's Bold Career Pathway IE&T Vision
- Recognize Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Shared Accountability
- Understand New Opportunities in Adult Education's National Reporting System
- Gain Confidence to Fully Implement Measurable Skill Gains (MSG) Types 3,4, and 5
- Discover National IE&T and Workplace Education Program Models







Workforce Innovation and **Opportunity** Act (WIOA) **Enshrines Career Pathway** (and IET)

(7) CAREER PATHWAY .- The term "career pathway" means a combination of rigorous and high-quality education, training, and other services that-

(A) aligns with the skill needs of industries in the economy of the State or regional economy involved;

(B) prepares an individual to be successful in any of a full range of secondary or postsecondary education options, including apprenticeships registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the "National Apprenticeship Act"; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.) (referred to individually in this Act as an "apprenticeship", except in section 171); (C) includes counseling to support an individual in

achieving the individual's education and career goals;

(D) includes, as appropriate, education offered concurrently with and in the same context as workforce preparation activities and training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster;

(E) organizes education, training, and other services to meet the particular needs of an individual in a manner that accelerates the educational and career advancement of the individual to the extent practicable;

(F) enables an individual to attain a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and at least 1 recognized postsecondary credential; and

(G) helps an individual enter or advance within a specific occupation or occupational cluster.











# Why IET?

• IET is an evidence-based practice

The Institute for Education Science What Works Clearinghouse confirms IET as an evidence-based practice, meaning that it met the gold standard of research through three random controlled trial studies that followed over 45,000 students in nine states, proving the effectiveness of the IET model. The studies showed

- Positive impacts on industry-recognized credentials, certificates, or license completion
- Potentially positive impacts on short-term employment

What Works Clearinghouse. Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. (2020, September). Integrated Basic Education Skills and Training (I-BEST). Retrieved from <u>https://whatworks.ed.gov</u>

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# DC's Data

DC State Agency and Local Program Providers exceeded their US ED Measurable Skills Gains Target of 47% in FY 2020-21. Actual performance is 55.32%, inclusive of the 3 new MSG Types on NRS Table 4 in FY 2020-21.

54.91% on NRS Table 4C in FY 2020-21, reflecting an increase of 46.58% in MSG completion in FY 2020-21 in comparison to 8.33% in FY 2019-20.















# Objective

- ✓ Why Change?
- What's the Context?
- What's Changed?
- How Prepare?
- How Implement?



Career Training Employment College Prep



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# **Observation**

- MSGs new to the NRS. Not new to Title I and IV and training providers
- Require much more state and local decision making
- Requires states and providers to apply existing federal guidelines to determine permissibility
- Less "Standardized"
- Unlikely OCTAE will further define specific certifications or methods
- State have been reporting since 2019 on NRS Table 11

# Compliance



- •Documentation of achievement is critical
- •New options in NRS increase the need adequately document
- •Some results for these MSGs must be obtained from participant (provider does not have access)
- •"What will a monitor look for in three years"

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# Read These Now! Sources

IRC Responses to information collection request for the NRS. <u>OMB Control Number NRS 1830-</u> 0027

NRS Reporting Tables

Understanding Postsecondary Credentials in the Public Workforce System. <u>TEN 25-19</u> **"Joint Guidance".** Performance Accountability Guidance for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I, Title II, Title III, and Title IV Core Programs <u>OCTAE Program Memo</u> 17-2

This is also DOL Training and Employment Guidance Letter 10-16, Change 1

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# Measurable Skills Gains

"The Measurable Skill Gains indicator is the percentage of participants who, during a program year, are in an education or training program that leads to a recognized postsecondary credential or employment and who are achieving documented academic, technical, occupational, or other forms of progress, towards such a credential or employment"

Source: 20 CFR §677.155(a)(1)(v))

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Postsecondary Transcript or Report Card

Type 3 MSG

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Secondary<sup>1</sup> or postsecondary transcript or report card for a sufficient number of credit hours that shows a participant is meeting the State unit's academic standards.



<sup>1</sup>Secondary transcript is specific to youth attending high school

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### Type 3 MSG Postsecondary Transcript or Report Card

### CRITERIA

- College credit only.
- Earning a transcript or report card documenting passing a full- or part-time college credit course load

### DETAIL (State/ Jurisdiction Specific)

Obtain and file a copy of a transcript or report card documentation from the provider awarding the credential showing the participant is passing each course required for the MSG.

# Full- and Part-Time and "Passing"

(State/ Jurisdiction Specific)

#### FULL- AND PART-TIME

- Full-time is 12 credit hours in a semester.
- Part-time can be 12 credit hours over two semesters: For example: 6 hours per semester, or 3 one and 9 the next.
- If participation spans two or more program years, performance is earned when the participant earns 12 college credit hours.

#### "PASSING"

- Determined by the academic standards of the postsecondary education or training provider.
- Measured for each course documented on the transcript or report card, not by the participant's grade point average.
- Providers must be able to produce documentation of what is considered passing at the institution for monitoring purposes.

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- "Meets or exceeds" expectations
- No necessarily quantified

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## "progress report"

- Documented progress
- Not a test unless a test is part of a report

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## "established milestones"

- Deliberate language
- "Established" = agreed upon
- Clearly defined progress
- Include types of acceptable documentation

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# "from an employer or training provider"

- Derives from *either employer or training provider*
- Not from a test publisher (though a test may be part of the milestone)
- Not from an agency (though an agency may establish acceptable documentation)

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## "who is providing training"

• Underscores that employers or training providers develop the milestone

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### "such as" "or similar milestones"

• These are just examples

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# "Apprenticeship"

- Historically, two training models that are not typically measured with standardized tests or exams
- OJT is exempt from exit credential requirements
# Note in Guidance

"Note: In the description of this type of Measurable Skill Gains, "completion of one year of an apprenticeship" is just one example of a timeframe that may be established for achieving a satisfactory or better progress report toward a specific milestone, and the "one year" timeframe should not be construed as a required timeframe or the only way that a participant in an apprenticeship can achieve a Measurable Skill Gain.

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- Pay ties to new skills





#### MSG Type 4 Progress Milestone

## Tyson IET Program in Industrial Maintenance

### **Milestones**

- Tyson Lock Out Tag Out (LOTO) certification
- Detecting work piece defects or equipment malfunction/ repair
- Measuring of work piece dimensions to determine accuracy
- Preparation of equipment for productions and successful test runs
- Interpreting daily production schedule measured by customized ESL test
- Pay increase related to skills gained or promotion



|                                                                                                   | Progr                                                                                                | ess Milestones G                             | ains                                                                                                               | -                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Participant:                                                                                      |                                                                                                      | Tyson Plant:<br>Individual Documenting Gain: |                                                                                                                    | Program Year<br>Contact Email:     |
| Participant Identification:                                                                       |                                                                                                      |                                              |                                                                                                                    |                                    |
| SKILLS TO BE LEARNED<br>(Skills may be learned concurrently.<br>Document all skills earned.)      | METHOD (ex. in-person<br>instruction, remote<br>instruction, distance<br>education, shadowing, etc.) | ESTIMATED<br>HOURS                           | PROGRESS EVALUATION<br>METHOD (ex. tests, reports, skill<br>demonstration, performance<br>verification, wage gain) | Milestone Progress                 |
| 1) Tyson lock out tag out<br>certification                                                        |                                                                                                      |                                              |                                                                                                                    | Attained In Progress Not Attained  |
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| <li>6) Interpreting daily<br/>production schedule as<br/>measured by customized<br/>ESL test</li> |                                                                                                      |                                              |                                                                                                                    | Attained In Progress Not Attained  |





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## More Detail OCTAE Program Memo 17-2

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- Credential = "recognized postsecondary credential"
- Note! The "or" pertains only to the last element in the list. Type 5 does not *require* the measure lead to a credential in all instances.

















































# **Planned MSG**

•Identified during a participant's initial intake and orientation

- •Forecast to be the *most likely MSG* to document a participant's performance
- •Note in participant profile

•Based on the participant's:

- level at intake
- initial objectives, goals, and
- the type of AE activities selected during enrollment
- The planned MSG may change based on aspects of a participant's success and objectives

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