





NAFTrack

CERTIFICATION

NAFTrack Certification designed by education and business leaders, is an employability credential that serves as NAF's seal of college and career readiness. NAF assesses student performance through the completion of career-themed courses, internship assessments, and high school graduation.

NAFTrack Certification helps students...

	Make the connection between their high school coursework and their futures
	Reflect on their own learning in order to set goals for personal and professional development
	Gain proficiency in taking online assessments
	Demonstrate the hard and soft skills they develop throughout their academy experience

NAFTrack Certification includes...

Career Coursework

Career-Themed Courses
Four-semesters of NAFTrack approved career-cluster courses and a required performance-based assessment.

Qualifying Internship

A paid, compensated, or volunteer experience of 80+ hours (or two 40-hour sessions) under the direct supervision of an accountable adult who completes an internship assessment.

High School Graduation

Students must complete all school and district requirements for high school graduation.

Pathways to NAFTrack Certification

NAF's Program of Study provides multiple career pathways and curricular options for students to achieve NAFTrack Certification. In addition to NAF's five career themes, the NAF Program of Study embraces the US Department of Education's 16 career clusters. Complete at least four (4) semesters of NAFTrack Certification approved courses with a designated NAF theme or other approved career cluster. Students must achieve a passing course grade of C or better for NAFTrack Certification credit. Any combination of NAF semester courses and NAFTrack Certification approved career-cluster course equivalents with a required performance-based assessment.

NAF Curriculum

NAF offers curricula for programs of study in five career-themes, including Engineering, Finance, Health Sciences, Hospitality & Tourism, and Information Technology. Academies design career-pathways by combining NAF's one-semester courses in a variety of ways with other course selections within a career cluster. Curricular materials contain lesson plans with the teacher and student resources, including PowerPoint presentations and assessments.

Third-Party Curriculum

NAF approves third-party curricula that meet NAF's curricular and performance-based assessment standards. Current NAFTrack approved curriculum providers include: Cisco, Intelitek, Odysseyware, Paxton-Patterson, Project Lead the Way (PLTW), and STEM 101

Additional Third Party Courses

NAF accepts selected courses that align with designated career-cluster content from Cambridge, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE). Academies create programs of study by combining these NAFTrack approved courses with other curricula to meet the four-semester course requirement for NAFTrack Certification.

Dual Enrollment/State Approved

NAF academies apply for NAFTrack Certification approval of dual enrollment/early college and state-approved, career-cluster courses to meet the NAFTrack Certification requirement of four-semester courses. Dual enrollment/early college courses may be offered directly by the college and its faculty or by high school teachers approved by the college.

Changes Coming to NAFTrack

This year marks the 6th anniversary of NAFTrack, and it feels like the perfect time to reflect on where we have been and where we are going. We recognize that each student's journey is as unique as the 100,000+ students NAF currently serves, and the many more NAF alumni impacted over the last 40 years.

A Student-Centered Approach

NAF is evolving NAFTrack Certification to represent the individual journeys NAF students undertake to develop the skills and competencies they need to meet their aspirations. NAF will no longer require academies to put square pegs into round holes by requiring all students to complete the same set of activities. [Read more.](#)

Simplifying and Focusing

NAF is sunsetting variations of NAFTrack branding including myNAFTrack and NAFTrack Certified Hiring. We will be phasing out the myNAFTrack/SAP SuccessFactors platform later this month. We are reimagining our technology to be more user-friendly, and based on your feedback, we have decided to move on from our current myNAFTrack platform. After February 28, you will no longer be able to log in to myNAFTrack. If you'd like to export any of your myNAFTrack data, please do so before this date. [Read more.](#)

Rethinking Internships

NAF recognizes the challenges with securing enough internships to serve all eligible students. To ensure students could still qualify for Certification during the pandemic, NAF offered flexible options to meet the internship requirement of NAFTrack Certification for students in the graduating classes of 2021 and 2022. We will extend this policy through August 2022. [Read more.](#)

The Road Ahead

The vision to connect alumni to the talent pipeline needs of partners remains a key focus. NAF is reimagining NAFTrack to account for the many ways NAF employer partners engage with students and alumni over the course of their journey.

In 2021, we will:

- Continue a culturally responsive and flexible approach to supporting district and academy needs during this pandemic
- Identify the skills and competencies we know uniquely contribute to our young peoples' success
- Develop much needed program enhancements designed to reinforce critical college and career-ready skills and work-based learning skills and practices
- Support data-driven growth for your district, NAF aims to make every dataset gathered by your academy into a key tool for transformation of practice and impact
- Share career development opportunities with alumni via the Career Insider

Have questions? Visit our [frequently asked questions](#) page on [naf.org](#).

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