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Assuring the Quality of Short Term Programs

Workers with middle-skill credentials are critical to our economy - but our financial aid policies don't support people seeking non-degree credentials. And, there's no consensus on how to ensure that occupational education and training programs are aligned with the needs of industry and of sufficient quality to justify federal and state aid.

A new WDQC publication entitled, [*Programs that Work: Quality Assurance for Short-Term Occupational Programs*](#) analyzes various quality assurance mechanisms that gauge the quality of academic institutions and programs. *Programs that Work* also offers state and federal policy recommendations that would direct financial aid to short-term occupational programs that provide training for in-demand jobs or start people on a career pathway to a family-sustaining wage.



Programs That Work

Quality Assurance For Short-Term Occupational Programs

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