



WorkKeys®, the NCRC™ and KeyTrain® provide powerful tools for implementing Perkins programs

■ *"Getting the teachers to adopt KeyTrain is one thing, but when the students adopt it, that is a real tribute to the program."*

Scott Weidig, High School Technology Coordinator, IL

■ *"Our teachers find KeyTrain essential in enhancing the relevant, rigorous, applied academic content in our Career Tech curricula. Students develop skills and are able to demonstrate 'what they can do' (academic skills)."*

Cindy Leyrer, Assessment Coordinator, MI

■ *"From a teacher stand point, your software is ingenious. With the computer taking care of the grading and assigning work, the teacher can focus on the teaching side of life".*

John Bowen, High School Teacher, GA

KeyTrain

The CTE specialists

KeyTrain is used in CTE programs throughout many states including:

- Oklahoma
- West Virginia
- Hawaii
- South Carolina
- Georgia
- Colorado
- Kansas
- New Mexico

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THE ROLE OF CTE IN CAREER READINESS

Carl Perkins Requirements

Perkins requires innovation, academic achievement, technology integration, and accountability measures. WorkKeys, the National Career Readiness Certificate™ (NCRC), and KeyTrain are potent ways to satisfy these requirements.

Innovation

The WorkKeys system provides for innovation in learning by aligning applied workplace skills directly to jobs. KeyTrain's curriculum for WorkKeys leverages this relevance for education by providing a link between a student's education and possible careers. Students respond to the relevance provided by KeyTrain. The various components of KeyTrain can easily be blended with existing curriculum to bolster the students' connection of the instruction to their own lives. Additionally, the optional Career Clusters package provides tools for counselors and instructors to tie students' current instruction to future plans and education.

Improves Academic Achievement

As it teaches the WorkKeys skills, KeyTrain's contextual examples and application of academic knowledge to workplace scenarios improves the rigor and relevance of courses for students. By applying a practical, problem-solving approach to all subjects, it builds the critical thinking skills necessary for success in the 21st century workforce. Improved student achievement using KeyTrain has been documented by gains in many different assessments,

including Compass, Asset, Accuplacer, GED, state High School Graduation Tests as well as WorkKeys.

Integrated with Technology

KeyTrain offers computer-based courses to teach academic concepts, including Applied Technology and other valuable workplace skills. Additionally, KeyTrain's self-paced, computer-based lessons provide an opportunity to utilize technology to teach these skills. The powerful management system and user-friendly courseware allow teachers to implement KeyTrain almost immediately.

Includes Accountability Measures

WorkKeys and the NCRC are instruments designed to measure skill levels. The highly reliable and valid tests show accurate measures of performance improvement from the time a student begins with the system to the time they take the final tests. In addition, throughout the learning process KeyTrain's student tracking system provides many tools to track student usage, overall implementation, and progress in building skills. A status report easily documents starting level and current level, documenting skill gains. Additionally, tracking includes session-by-session reporting of time spent in the curriculum. The final measure, WorkKeys assessments, allow students to obtain the national standard in certifying work readiness, the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).