

Why Credentials Matter

The power of a credible credential



American interest in clean energy is at an all time high.

That makes consumer confidence more critical than ever. Effective workforce training – aligned with industry needs – ensures clean energy professionals have the right skills to provide safe, reliable clean energy products and services.

Because the best new technology is only as good as the workmanship around it.

- Clean energy employers want well-trained, qualified employees.
- Leading education and training organizations are integrating competency-based programs to match employer needs.
- Clean energy instructors want to demonstrate their commitment to quality and lifelong learning.
- Students are asking more questions about job preparedness.
- Consumers demand quality assurance.

What's the answer for each of these stakeholders? Credentials. It's the best way to instill confidence.

Closing the gaps between workforce training and real clean energy jobs

The IREC Credential

A leader in clean energy solutions for more than 30 years, IREC knows about quality and the importance of meeting the evolving needs of industry. IREC evaluates clean energy training providers and instructors against a rigorous industry-developed standard. Only those who demonstrate their commitment to preparing students for real jobs receive the IREC Credential.

By looking for the trusted IREC Credential, students, employers, consumers, funders and state workforce programs can make informed decisions about programs and instructors. They know these are the educators and trainers teaching for the workplace – covering the right knowledge and skills for today's and tomorrow's jobs.

That's the power of a reliable, credible credential.

For more information about the IREC Credentialing Program, visit www.irecusa.org, contact us at credentialing@irecusa.org or call 518.621.7379.

The Interstate Renewable Energy Council is accredited by the American National Standards Institute as a standards developing organization.

"Having and maintaining credible credentials is smart business. Having IREC credentials enables us to stand out from our competitors. It keeps us focused, dotting the i's and crossing the t's. Your business benefits. The students benefit. The consumer benefits. It's a big win-win-win all around."

Richard Stovall

CEO SolPowerPeople

IREC Certified Master

Trainer/PV Installation Professional

"Solar professionals are responsible for people's investments and safety. As instructors, we have a huge impact on the quality of installations . . . that pushes me to do my best. Having 'IREC certified Master Trainer' on my business card ups my game. I'm a part of setting the highest standards."

David DelVecchio

President, Solar Seed

IREC Certified Master Trainer/PV

Installation Professional

North Carolina Solar Center and

Solar Energy International

