

# ***Stackable Credentials***

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# *Stackable Credentials: What?*

**Credentials that build on one another (from smaller to larger).  
Credits in one award apply to the next, larger award.**

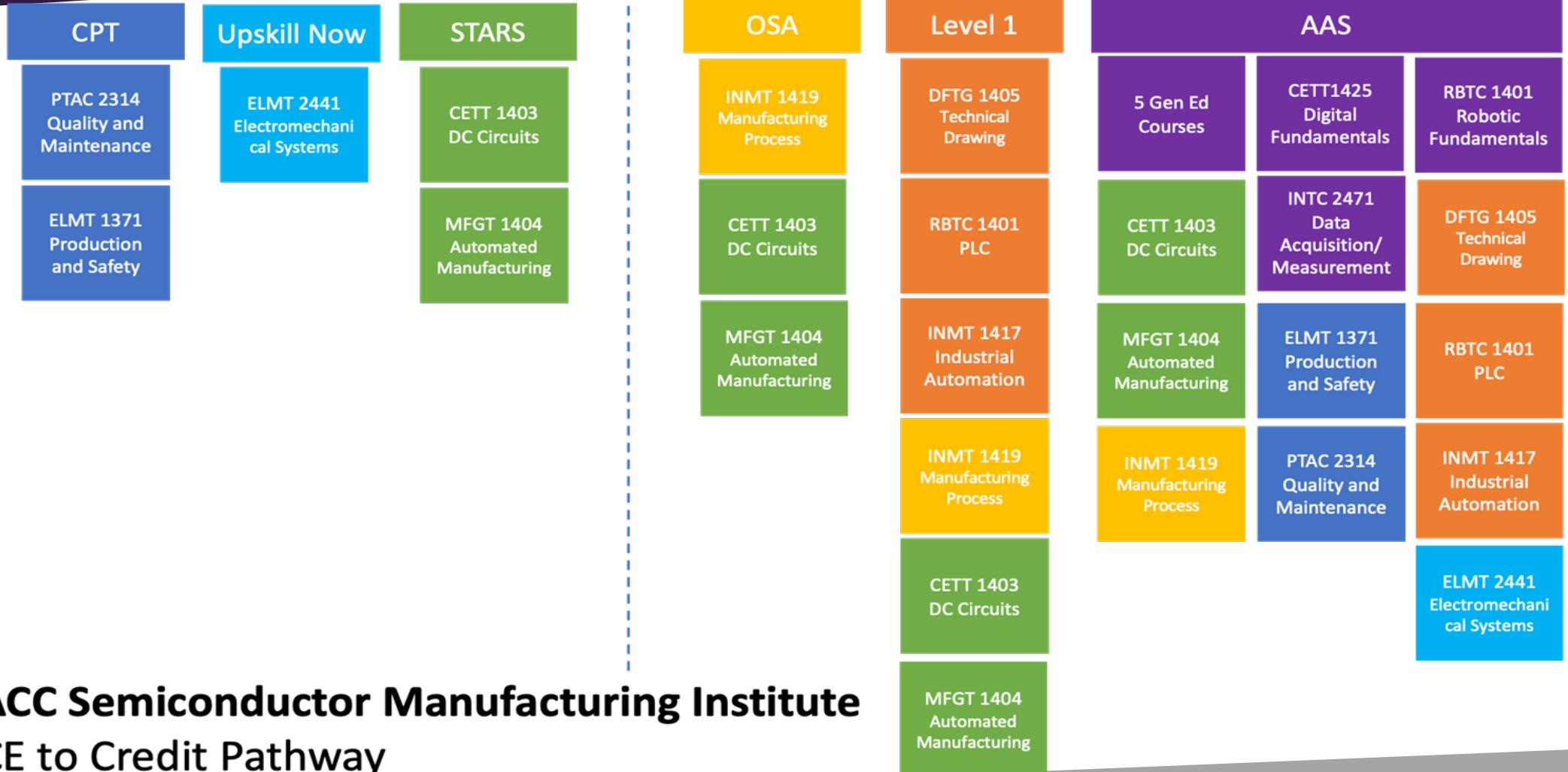
- Short-term
  - Occupational Skills Award: 9 to 14 credit hours
  - Enhanced Skills Certificate: less than 19 credit hours
- Medium term
  - Level 1 Certificate: 15 to 42 credit hours
  - Level 2 Certificate: 42-51 credit hours
- Longer term: Associate of Applied Science (60 credit hours)

# *Stackable Credentials: Why?*

- Promote lifelong learning
  - Enroll and re-enroll and build labor market value
  - Start with entry level skills to get that first job
- Aid in student retention
  - Earn and learn, e.g.
- Multiple entry and exit points
- Reskill and upskill
  - Industry partnerships
  - Connect credentials to jobs
- Serve underserved communities

# Visual Aids

## CE Programs



**ACC Semiconductor Manufacturing Institute**  
CE to Credit Pathway

# Stackable Credentials: Visual Aids

## Limited Medical Technology (LMRT)

- **Level two Certificate**
- **Credit Program**
- 37-41 college credits

## Radiology Technology (AAS)

- **Credit Program**
- 64-68 college credits

## CT, MRI, & CI Advanced Technical Certificate

- **Credit Program**
- 12 college credits

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## Map Your Future in NURSING



Find your program of interest and follow the arrows to chart your course. Yellow stars mark the stackable credentials you can earn along the way. Jump to the chart for further details about your program journey.



Stackable credentials offer a flexible path for your career journey.



### VOCATIONAL NURSING (VN) PROGRAM

**Vocational Nursing Option 1**  
Level 2 Certificate ★  
Leads to LVN License ★

**PREREQUISITES**

- High School Diploma/GED
- No Additional Prerequisites

**Vocational Nursing Option 2**  
AAS Degree in Vocational Nursing ★  
Leads to LVN License ★

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- No Additional Prerequisites

### ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING PROGRAM

**ADN Traditional Track**  
Associate Degree in Professional Nursing ★

**PREREQUISITES**

- High School Diploma/GED
- Prerequisite Courses

**ADN Traditional Track - Alternate Entry**  
Associate Degree in Professional Nursing ★  
Leads to RN License ★

**PREREQUISITES**

- ACC VN Program Completed within Past 14 Months
- Prerequisite Courses
- \*Listed on reverse side*

**ADN Mobility Track**  
Associate Degree in Professional Nursing ★  
Leads to RN License ★

**PREREQUISITES**

- U.S. License or Board Certification\*
- Prerequisite Courses
- \*Specific licenses and certifications listed on reverse*

### RN-TO-BSN PROGRAM

**RN-TO-BSN\***  
Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing ★  
*\*Hybrid and Online Options Available*

**PREREQUISITES**

- ADN Program Completed
- RN License
- Prerequisite Courses

**Licensed Vocational Nurse Careers**  
\$50,588/Year • Median Salary\*

**Registered Nurse Careers**  
\$77,802/Year • Median Salary\*

**BSN Careers**  
\$82,300/Year • Median Salary\*

\*Nursing salaries vary greatly due to many factors such as nursing specialization, type of employment facility, geographic location, and demand.

# Objective 1: Tactical Schedule Adjustments - Recent Example

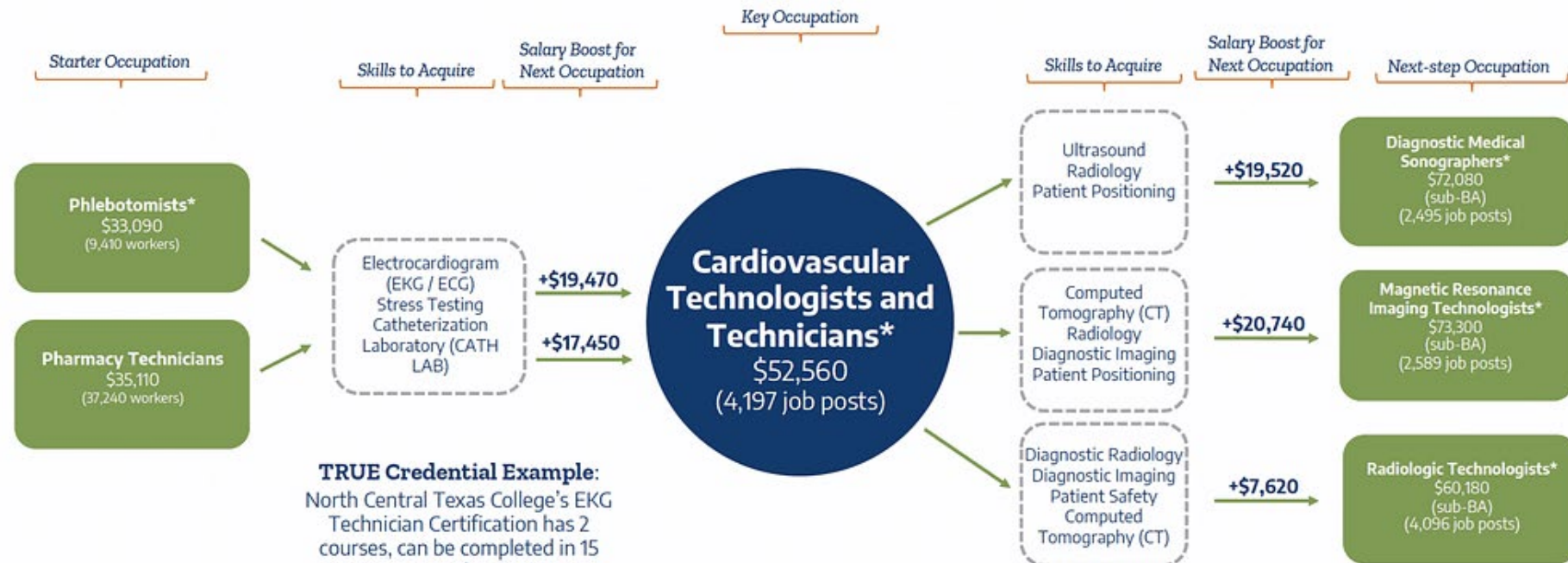
**TRUE Pathways Map**  
Industry Area of Study: Health Sciences



Texas Association of Community Colleges



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TECHNOLOGIES



**TRUE Credential Example:**  
North Central Texas College's EKG Technician Certification has 2 courses, can be completed in 15 weeks, and costs \$1,199 for tuition, textbook, practical lab materials, and CET certificate testing fee.

\*License typically required

# *Stackable Credentials: Key points*

- Smaller feeds into larger, shorter to longer
- Articulated credit (non-credit to credit)
- Multiple entry and exit points (intermittent education)
- Industry partnerships, proven links to job skills and employment
- Reskilling and upskilling