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Certifying Organization	American Association of Family and Consumer Science (AAFCS) http://www.aafcs.org/					
Description of Credential	The Pre-Professional credential in Fashion, Textiles, and Apparel validates achievement of industry and standards-based competencies related to fashion, textiles, costume, and design. The assessment and certification prepares individuals for careers associated with retail and wholesale buying; apparel, textile, and costume development and production, fashion, costume design, and visual merchandising.					
Part of which Graduation Pathways ¹	<u>Regional:</u> Fashion Design					
Associated with Which Careers?	<u>3 Star:</u> Fashion Designers <u>2 Star:</u> Costume Attendants; Sewing Machine Operators; Tailors, Dressmakers & Custom Sewers					
Entry-Level Annual Salaries	\$16,820 - \$18,000					
Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students						
Standard / Curriculum	The Fashion, Textiles, and Apparel Competency List and the Assessment Information Bulletin which outlines the standards and competencies are available at Pre-PAC (Pre-Professional Assessments & Certifications) by scrolling down to Assessment and Certification Resources. The assessment and certification are aligned with the National Family and Consumer Sciences Standards, and the National Career Clusters Essential Knowledge and Skill Sets in the areas of Arts, A/V Technology and Communications and Marketing. Additionally, the assessment and certification are aligned with the 21 st Century Student Outcomes and the Career Ready Practices of the Common Career Technical Core. Click here to access the alignment and correlation documents. Click here for information on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).					
Testing Methodology	Paper?	No	Online?	Yes	Performance Exams / Tests?	No
Re-Testing (if available)	Re-Testing Procedures	Yes		Max Attempts	No max number of attempts; 48 hr. waiting period	
Testing Details (including any age requirements / accommodations)	<p>There is no age requirement for taking the exam. Exams must be taken at AAFCS Pre-PAC approved test sites. To become an approved test site, administrators must complete the online Test Site Approval Agreement. Test sites can select their own dates for test administration during the academic year, and upon submitting orders for testing, sites should allow 2-3 business days for order and registration processing and 2-3 days for registration processing. Tests may be administered once the registration is processed and usernames are issued.</p> <p>Testing procedures and assessment information are online. The online exam consists of 80 multiple choice items (70 scored items; 10 non-scored). Assessment is not timed but must be completed in one sitting. The average testing time is approximately 50-60 minutes.</p> <p>The cut score for pre-professional certification is reviewed and updated annually on the AAFCS website. The current scoring list can be found online, and sample test items are included in the Assessment Information Bulletin. Local test administrators/proctors are authorized to make testing accommodations that are formally specified in Individual Education Plans for those with special needs. AAFCS Pre-PAC Guidelines regarding Testing Accommodations and Modifications are available online.</p>					



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Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Teachers				
<i>Bulletin 746, Chapter 5: All Louisiana teachers providing instruction in a course that leads to an IBC must hold the certification that they're teaching students to attain.</i>				
Instructor Certification Requirements (by certifying agency)	<p>AAFCS has approved the request from the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) allowing state approved special administrations of the <i>Pre-PAC Fashion, Textiles, and Apparel</i> assessment to Louisiana teachers as a basis for satisfying teacher credentialing requirements necessary to award industry-based certifications to students per Bulletin 746, Chapter 5.</p> <p>Restricting the special approval to state-sponsored professional development events is considered to be a viable accommodation, so allowance to permit local/district testing of teachers will NOT be approved and will be considered a violation and breach of the special provision agreement approved by AAFCS. Thus, teachers who need to earn this industry certification through AAFCS must register for and complete the Pre-PAC assessment during the special credentialing administration at state sponsored events.</p>			
Proctoring / Test Security (if any)	<p>Test sites must agree to all security stipulations and proctor requirements as part of the Test Site Approval Agreement. The proctor guidelines are located online. Proctors must be test site employees and school and/or district guidelines should be followed with regard to the proctor selection. Schools may allow teachers to serve as proctors of students they do not teach (for security and liability purposes). If local guidelines allow, the school may allow the teacher on record to proctor but not be the only one in the room (proctor-observer). Proctor instructions for administering and proctoring the Pre-PAC assessments and student instructions for taking the exam are available here. Student instructions are also provided at the beginning of the online exam.</p>			
Certification Tracking				
Credentialing Documentation	<p>Individual student assessment/certification results are available to the student immediately upon submission of the assessment. The student will be given an overall test score and will know if the required score was earned. The student will also have access to a break-down of scores by domain/topic area. (Click here to see the current scoring list)</p> <p>A variety of standard reports in the Data Reporting system is immediately available at no additional cost to test sites using login credentials they will be given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) score list reports b) transcript reports c) assessment overview <p>Membership is not required for certification. The test site coordinator can contact the Pre-PAC office, pre-pac@aafcs.org and provide the student's name if additional information is needed.</p>			
Certification Tracking System	Online Tracking System?	Yes – for test sites No – for certified individuals	Details	The Data Reporting System allows approved test sites to access exam/certification results. There is no tracking system for those who hold certification.
Other Details	Expiration Timeframe	Expiration time is 3 years. Once the certification has expired, the candidate will need to retest to maintain the certification (if still in a pre-professional position).		



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Certification Costs / Funding Sources					
Cost Details	There is no cost/fee to become an approved test site. Only approved test sites can purchase and administer exams. The only costs/fees are for the individual assessment products listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25 per student for single (one-time) administration • \$40 per student for test/retest administration (provides for initial administration and a follow-up administration/retest by the end of the testing year; this product may be used for pre- and post-testing). See Pre-PAC Academic Pricing Structure for more information about costs. 				
Re-test / Refund Policies	Students may retest by two methods: (1) repeat the single test option (\$25 per test request) or (2) initially purchase the test/retest option (\$40) which provides for two administrations of the exam (with no additional cost to retest). The single test option can be purchased and administered an unlimited number of times, but a minimum of 48 hours must elapse before retesting. The additional exam order usually takes 1-2 days to be processed. There are no refunds of exams or testing fees, but any exams purchased by the test site that are unassigned at the end of the testing year (June 30) can be carried forward to the next testing year for assignment and administration.				
Funding Sources ²	CDF?	No	Perkins?	Yes	Alternative Source (other than General Funds)
For More Information					
Certifying Agency Contact Info	Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (PRE-PAC) Phone: (800) 424-8080 or (703) 706-4600 ext. 4602 Staff Contact: Lori Myers, Director of Pre-PAC Email: LMyers@aafcs.org Direct Phone: (703) 706-4602 Pre-PAC Homepage: http://www.aafcs.org/CredentialingCenter/PrePAC.asp American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) 400 N. Columbus Street Suite 202 Alexandria, VA 22314 Phone (703) 706-4602 Toll-free: (800) 424-8080 Fax: (703) 636-7648 Office/Phone Hours: 9:30 am – 5:30 pm EST Email: pre-pac@aafcs.org				
LDE Contact	JumpStart@La.Gov				
Jump Start Regional Team Experts	TBD				

1 – This table may not include all the graduation pathways this credential appears in. Please check the [graduation pathway](#) you are working with if you have a question as to whether or not this credential is part of that pathway.

2 – CDF = [Career Development Fund](#)