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American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) and iCEV Partner to Help Learners Prepare for Industry-Recognized Credentials

New iCEV certification alignments—multimedia lessons featuring slide decks, video instruction, and hands-on activities and projects—focus on the domains evaluated within the AAFCS credentials.

The American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) and iCEV, a leading producer of Career & Technical Education (CTE) curriculum, industry certification preparation and testing, and data management, have partnered to help learners prepare for industry-recognized AAFCS credentials. Through this partnership, iCEV will provide certification alignments featuring dynamic instructional materials for credentials within the national Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (Pre-PAC) program offered by AAFCS and the FCS Credentialing Center.

“Certification is a preferred qualification for employers and can help FCS professionals stand out in a competitive job market. By partnering with iCEV, the AAFCS is delivering on our promise to support students and professionals in the Family and Consumer Sciences by securing additional resources to help them on their path to certification.” - Karin Athanas, AAFCS Executive Director.

The Pre-PAC portfolio of standards-based assessments and industry-recognized credentials covers content areas such as Leadership Essentials; Nutrition, Food, and Wellness; Food Science Fundamentals; and more. These credentialing assessments are all designed to help satisfy the growing emphasis on assessment and accountability in secondary and postsecondary education, including requirements for Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) funding for Career and Technical Education. They also address the emphasis on credentials as a human resource and quality control tool in employment settings.

“The Pre-PAC program offers a number of benefits to those seeking to improve their employability in today’s workforce, as well as to the education programs, employers, and community-based programs supporting those individuals,” said Dusty Moore, CEO of iCEV. “Now, through the partnership with AAFCS, we are able to provide our certification alignments offering comprehensive instructional materials to help individuals successfully earn Pre-PAC certifications as part of their ongoing career journey.”
Along with the 18 industry certifications hosted on the iCEV Testing Platform, iCEV offers preparation content for more than 70 other certifications, such as AAFCS Pre-PAC credentials. These preparation courses include slide decks, video instruction, and hands-on activities and projects to help learners master the standards assessed on a given certification exam.

With the certification alignments, educators and employers can assess learners’ current knowledge and then build learners’ skills through interactive coursework based on real-world scenarios. Additionally, multimedia videos and presentations aligned directly to certification standards help learners acquire foundational concepts, while knowledge checks prepare learners for the certification experience.

To learn more about AAFCS and the Pre-PAC program, visit https://www.aafcs.org/credentialing-center/pre-pac. To learn more about iCEV, visit www.icevonline.com.

About AAFCS
The American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, founded in 1909, is the only professional association dedicated to Family and Consumer Sciences students and professionals who represent multiple practice settings and content areas. For 114 years, AAFCS has focused its mission on providing leadership and support for professionals whose work assists individuals, families, and communities in making more informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life. Through research, experiential education, and technology, AAFCS members help people develop the essential knowledge and skills to lead better lives, be work and career-ready, build strong families, and make meaningful contributions to our communities.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) is the field of study focused on the science and the art of living and working well in our complex world. The field represents many areas, including human development, personal and family finance, housing and interior design, food science, nutrition, and wellness, textiles and apparel, and consumer issues.

About iCEV
Since 1984, iCEV has specialized in providing quality CTE curriculum and educational resources. iCEV is the most comprehensive online resource for CTE educators and students, offering curriculum for several major subject areas, including agricultural science, trade & industrial education, business & marketing, career exploration, family & consumer science, trade & health science, law enforcement and STEM education. iCEV also acts as a certification testing platform for industry certifications. Recognized companies and organizations utilize iCEV as the testing platform for their certifications. Additionally, iCEV offers Eduthings, a CTE data management platform that simplifies reporting for industry certifications, work-based learning, CTSO participation, and more. For more information, visit www.icevonline.com.

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