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Oklahoma CareerTech Accreditation Process



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Meet Our Team



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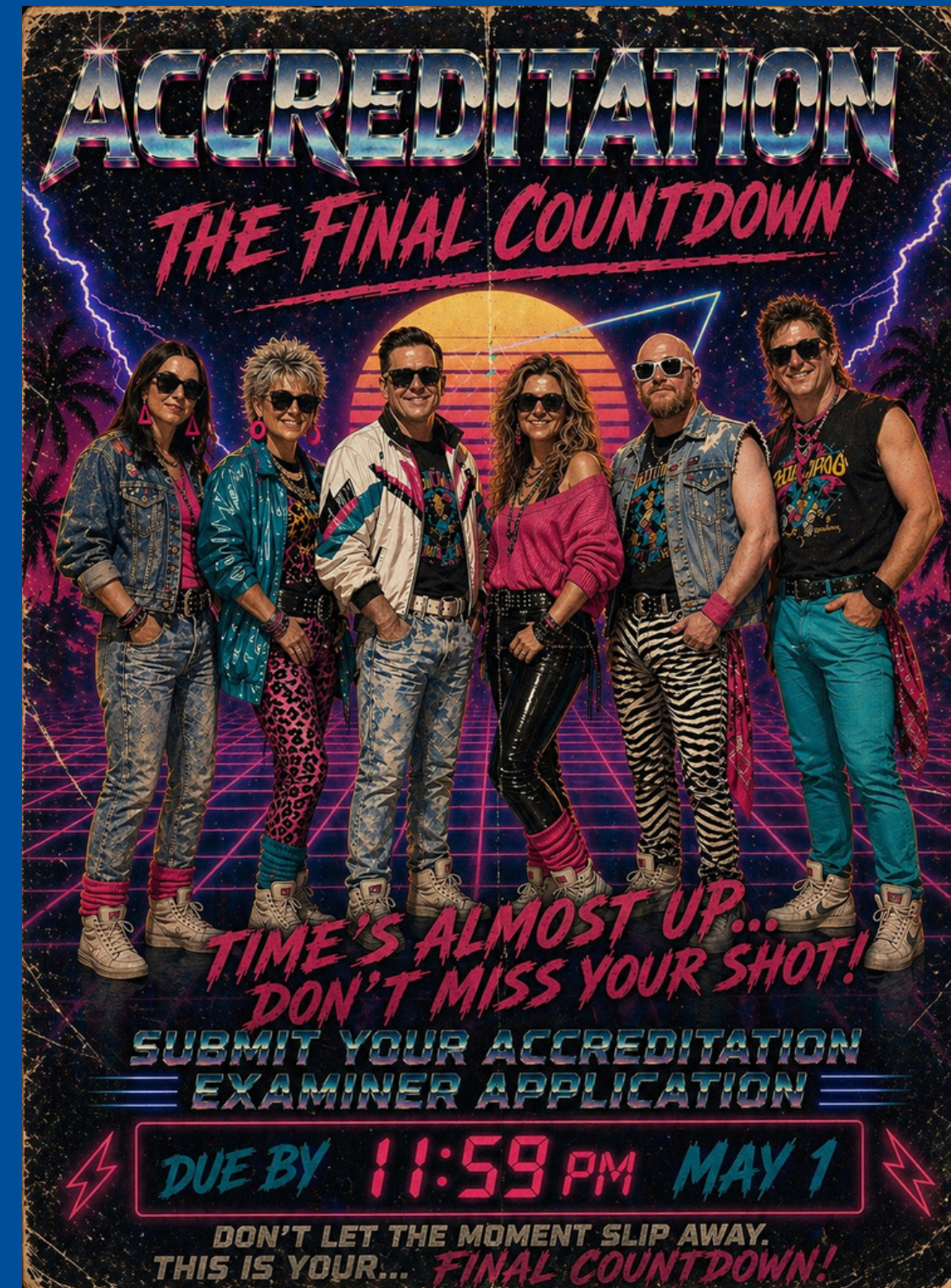
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ODCTE Accreditation Authority

- Our Board is recognized by U.S. Dept. of Education as the accreditation approval entity for technology centers in the state of Oklahoma.
- We conduct activities to accredit Oklahoma technology center districts on behalf of our Board.
- We provide **institutional** accreditation on a five year basis.



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Why We Accredite

- Evaluate the quality of training programs and services
- Promote continuous improvement and share best practices
- Ensure compliance with state and federal requirements
- Confirm eligibility for federal student aid programs



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Why Accreditation Matters

- External peer review highlights strengths and improvement areas.
- Staff learn effective practices from other tech centers.
- Examiners learn by observing and collaborating onsite.
- Accreditation allows students to access federal aid.



Quality Standards

- **Standard 1** – Leadership and Administration
- **Standard 2** – Instruction and Training
- **Standard 3** – Support Services
- **Standard 4** – Measurement and Analysis
- **Standard 5** – Personnel
- **Standard 6** – Operations
- **Standard 7** – System Impact



The Makeup of a Visit

- Accreditation visits continue to be a hybrid model, a mix of virtual and onsite.
- The length of the visit is determined by the size of the Tech Center and the number of campus sites.

Virtual Interviews

- Interview staff, students, & stakeholders via Zoom.
- Some may be interviewed twice.
- Identify Strength & OFIs

1-3 Days

Onsite Visit

- Program Observations
- 1:1 Interviews
- Review Compliance Items
- Identify Strength & OFIs

2-4 Days

After the Visit

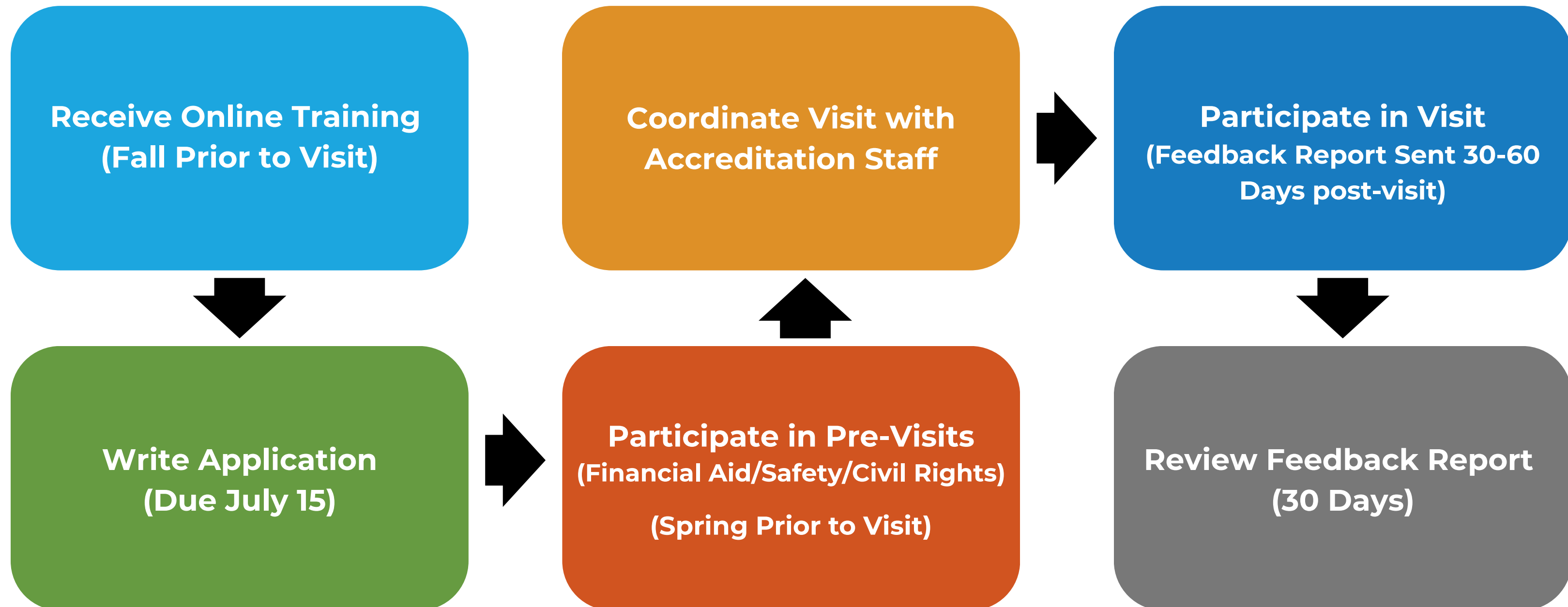
- Feedback Report
- Board Approval
- 3 Year Monitoring



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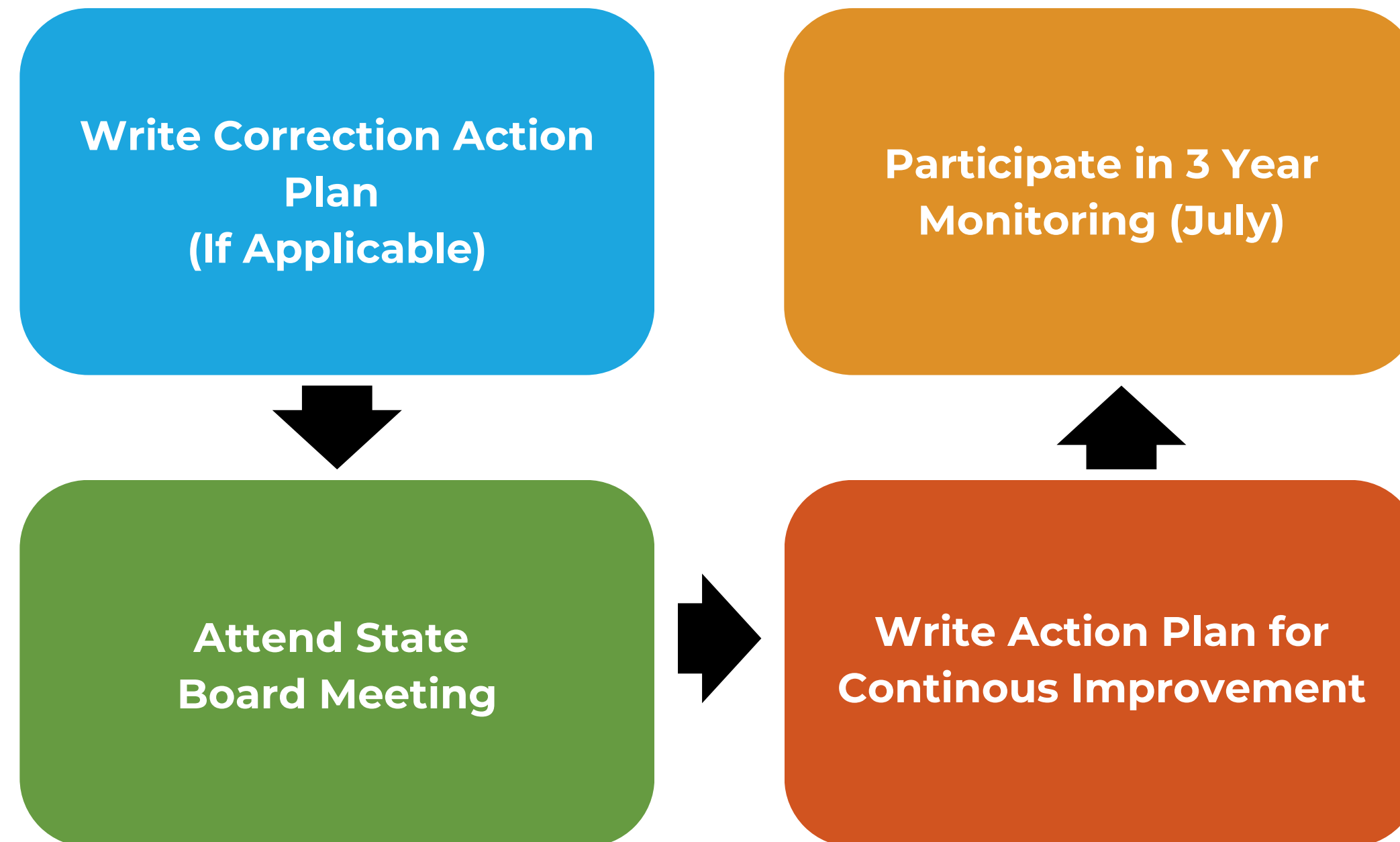




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Technology Center Process





Pre-Visits

- Spring prior to the visit.
- Prepares Technology Centers for Fall Visit
 - Financial Aid & Civil Rights compliance (Exhibit 6).
 - Safety walk-through/inspection – American Disabilities Association (ADA), safety, security, and hazmat.
- Not all inclusive.
- Findings from the pre-visit are expected to be fixed and will be reviewed during the fall visit.



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Best Preparation?

Participate as an examiner!



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Examiner Processes

- Complete online training
- Attend virtual pre-visit training
- Work in teams
- Assigned two standards



Examiner Processes Continued...

- Attend prep day (virtual)
- Evaluate the technology center onsite
- Write strengths and opportunities for improvement
- Score assigned assessments



Become an Examiner

- We rely on experts from the field to serve as examiners.
 - Do not think you would not be helpful! We need a diverse range of examiners.
- This is a great way to see the process prior to your center's visit.
- The application opens/closes in the spring. Your school will be emailed information on how to sign up (verify approval from your supervisor)

Fall 2026 Visits

Mid America Technology Center

- Sept. 9 - Virtual Examiner Training
- Sept. 14 - Virtual Examiner Prep Day
- Sept. 15-17 Hybrid Visit (Sept. 15, Virtual Interviews | Sept. 16-17 Onsite)

Western Technology Center

- Oct. 14 - Virtual Examiner Training
- Oct. 19 - Virtual Examiner Prep Day
- Oct. 20-22 Hybrid Visit (Oct. 20 Virtual Interviews | Oct. 21-22 Onsite)

Kiamichi Technology Center

- Sept. 23 - Virtual Examiner Training
- Sept. 28 - Virtual Examiner Prep Day
- Sept. 29-Oct. 1 - Virtual Interviews
- Oct. 6-8 - Onsite

Francis Tuttle Technology Center

- Oct. 28 Virtual Examiner Training
- Nov. 2 Virtual Examiner Prep Day
- Nov. 3-6 Hybrid Visit (Nov. 3-4 Virtual Interviews | Nov. 5-6 Onsite)

**Skill Centers will be accredited during the
Fall of 2028**



Skill Center Accreditation Process

- **Site Visit:** Alan and Program Specialists visit each Skills Center.
- **Program Review:** Specialists meet with instructors to discuss curriculum, equipment, space, and program needs.
- **Safety Review:** Alan conducts a facility safety inspection and documents any violations.
- **Student Feedback:** Team gathers input from students on program strengths and opportunities for improvement.
- **Reporting:** Program Specialists document strengths, opportunities for improvement (OFIs), and observations; Alan adds safety findings.
- **Review & Approval:** Reports are submitted to the Accreditation Manager, presented to the Skills Center Superintendent, and then presented to the Board for approval.



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Questions?