

# CIFT: Industry Credentials

**Overview:** CIFT Food Industry Certification program provides two recognized food industry credentials that can verify high school student expertise in the areas of food science and safety, agriculture, agribusiness, food and natural resources, bioscience, bio research and food marketing and research.

## **CIFT Food Industry Associate**

**120 Hours of Training; 100 hours of Experiential Learning**

### **Course Requirements**

Students will to complete the following course and achieve a passing WebXam score:

- Science & Technology of Food

### **Experiential Learning**

Student plan, develop, and complete a placement, entrepreneurship, or research experience program pertaining to the food industry.

Student documents 100 hours in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) journal with skills identified in relation to Ohio Department of Education & Welfare's Career Field Technical Content Standards.

## **CIFT Food Industry Specialist**

**480 Hours of Training; 500 hours of Experiential Learning**

### **Course Requirements**

Students will to complete the following course and achieve a passing WebXam score:

- Science & Technology of Food

In addition to above course, students will need to complete 3 of the following 6 courses and achieve a passing WebXam score:

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| • Applications of Food Science & Safety                        | • Principles & Practices of Bioscience |
| • Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources                      | • Bio research                         |
| • Business Management for Agricultural & Environmental Systems | • Food Marketing & Research            |

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### **Application Deadline**

CIFT will review applications and award credentials annually. Application deadline is June 1, with confirmation by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Verification of Student Credential**

Electronic Certificate and Cover Letter will be emailed to students earning the credential.