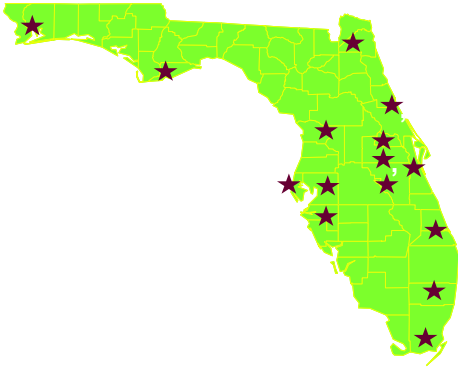


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# A Process Map for Statewide Engineering Technology / Manufacturing Technology Curriculum Reform



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## Manufacturing Workforce Needs

**Addressing the needs for skilled workers is a required, competitive and survival strategy for most manufacturers.**

The Educational System must create a rigorous and relevant curriculum that:

- Meets industry competency requirements
- Industry Certification
- Presents consistent offerings
- Contains articulation pathways
- Includes True Business Involvement
- Addresses Employability & Life Skills



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# Findings

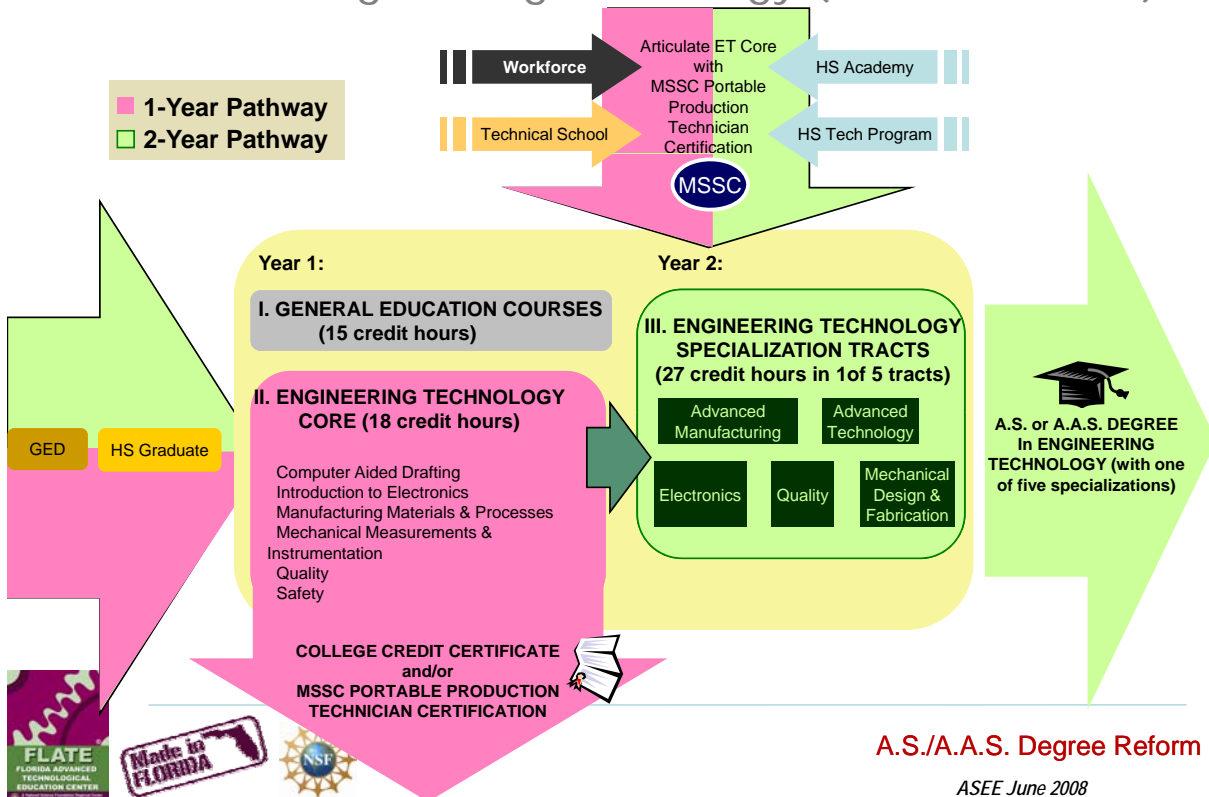
Manufacturers	Community Colleges	State	Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualified workers</li> <li>• Certifications</li> <li>• CC offerings</li> <li>• OJT or on site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment</li> <li>• Marketing</li> <li>• Competition</li> <li>• Fac. development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articulation</li> <li>• Benchmarks</li> <li>• Credentialing</li> <li>• Certifications</li> <li>• Work readiness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness</li> <li>• Articulations</li> <li>• Frameworks</li> </ul>
<b>Lack of communication (silos)</b>			
<b>MSSC - National benchmarks for manufacturing competencies</b>			



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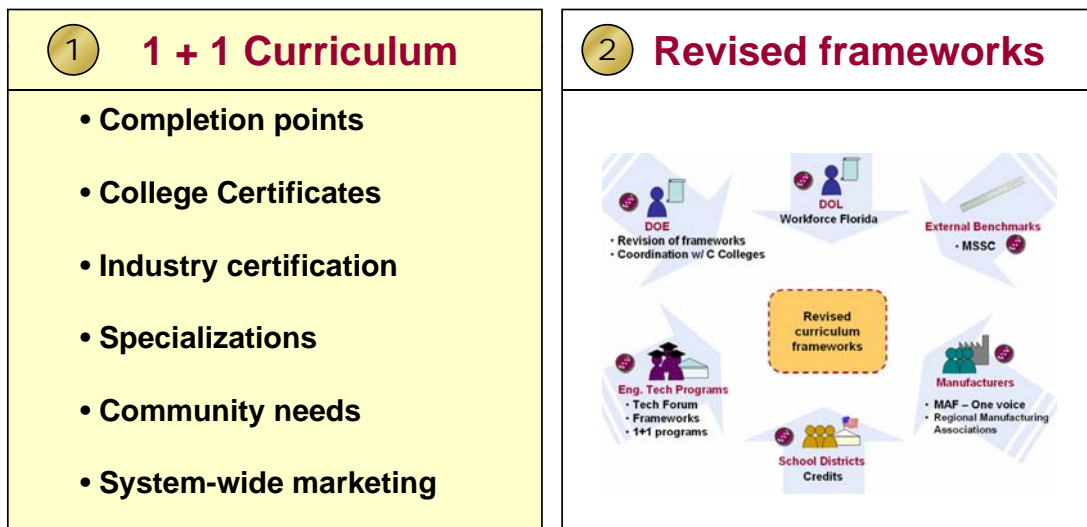
- Advanced Manufacturing Track
  - Automation Certificate
  - Lean Manufacturing Certificate
  - Pneumatics, Hydraulics and Motors for Manufacturing Certificate
- Advanced Technology Track
  - Applied Technology Specialist Certificate
- Electronics Track
  - Electronics Aide Certificate
- Mechanical Design and Fabrication Track
  - CNC Machinist Certificate
  - Computerized Woodworking Certificate
- Quality Track
  - Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certificate
  - Six Sigma Black Belt Certificate



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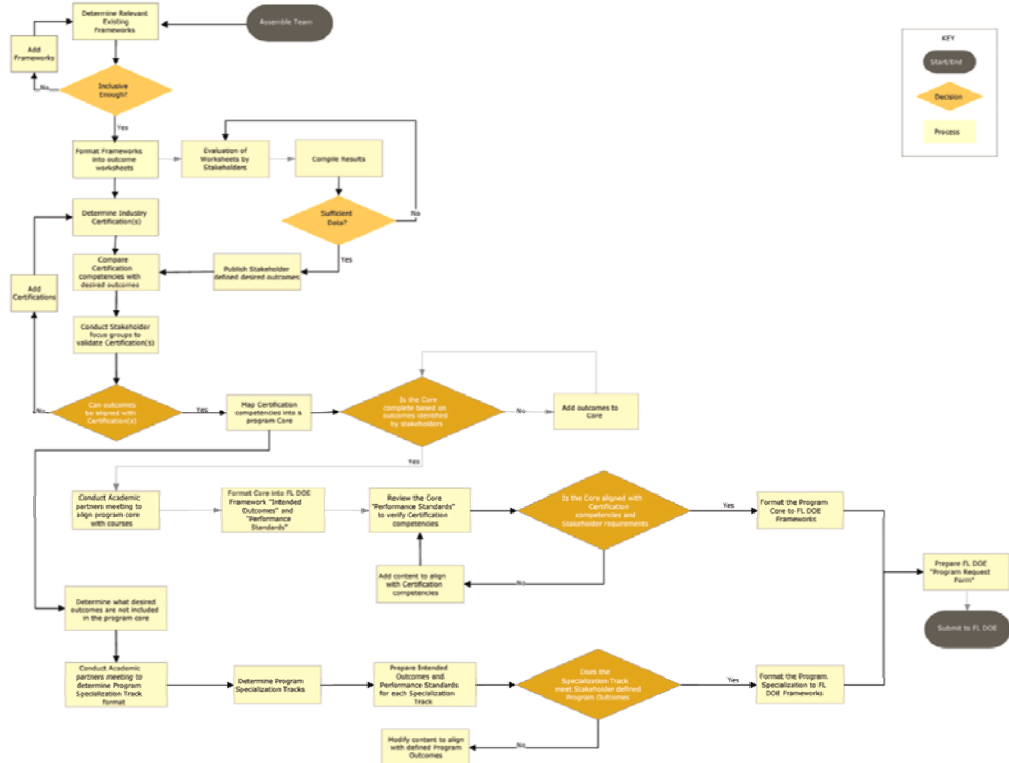
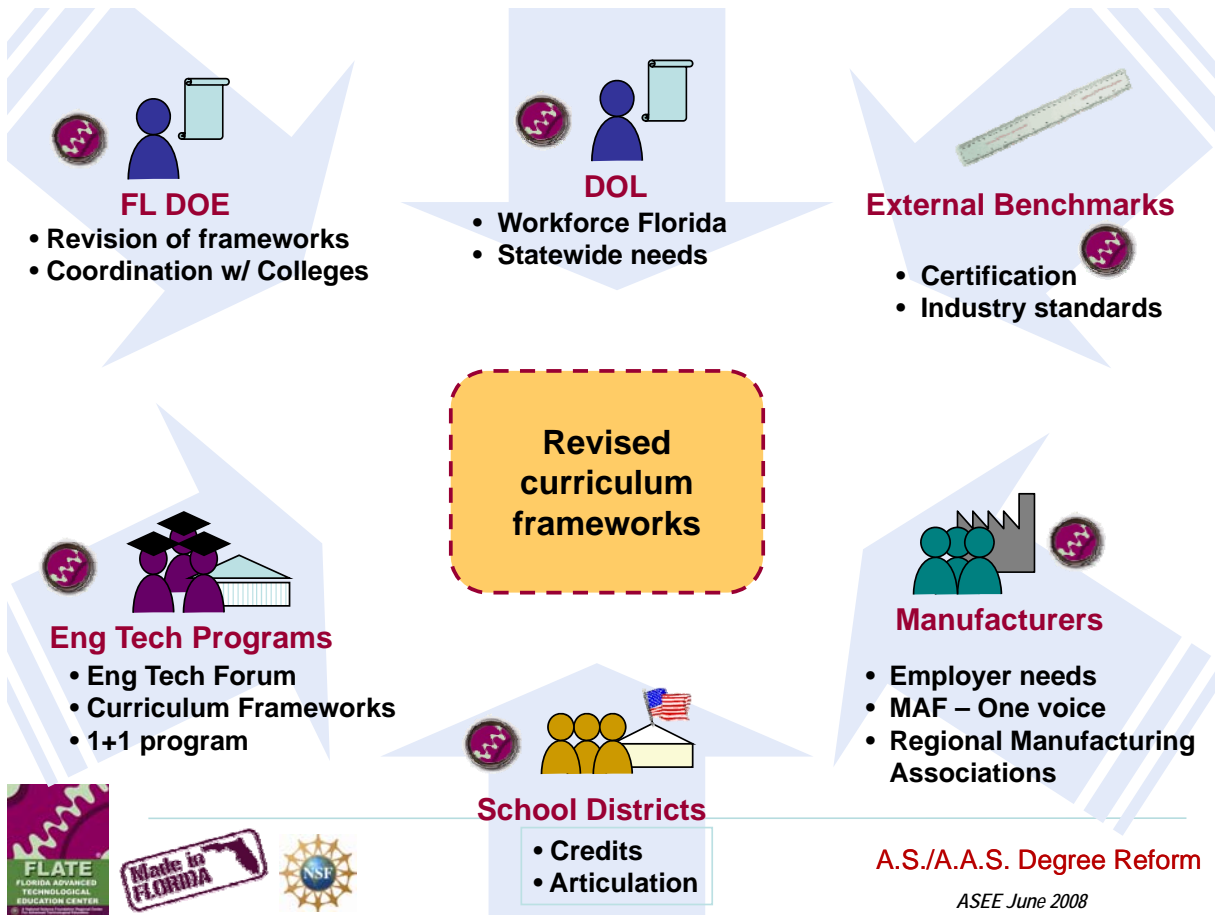
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## Framework Design



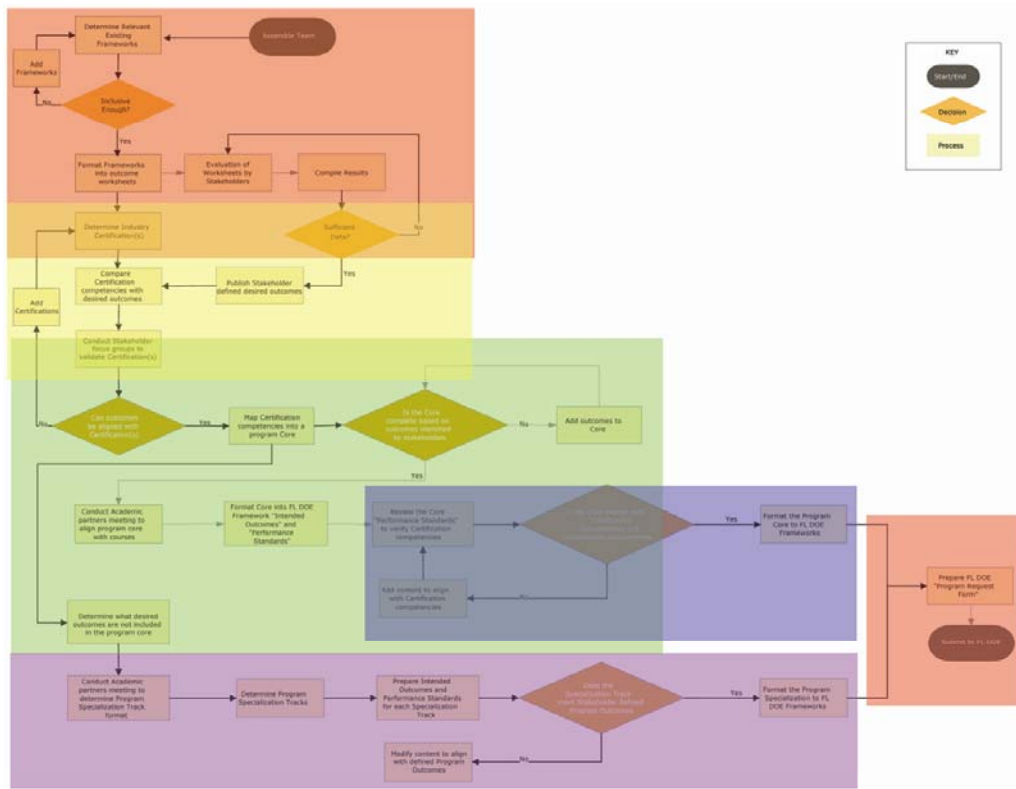
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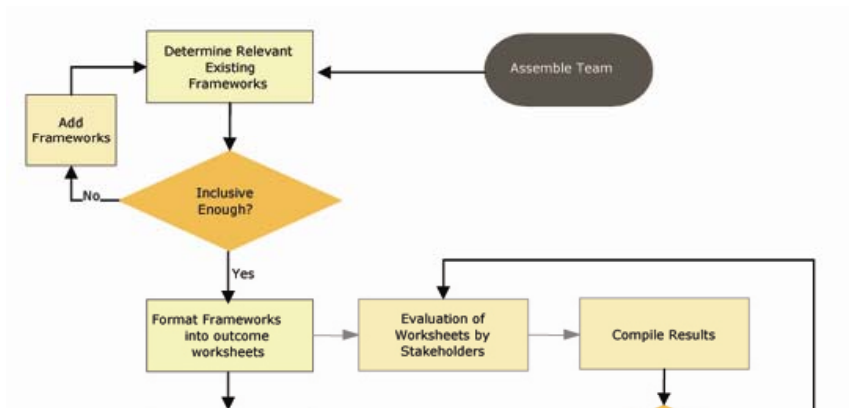
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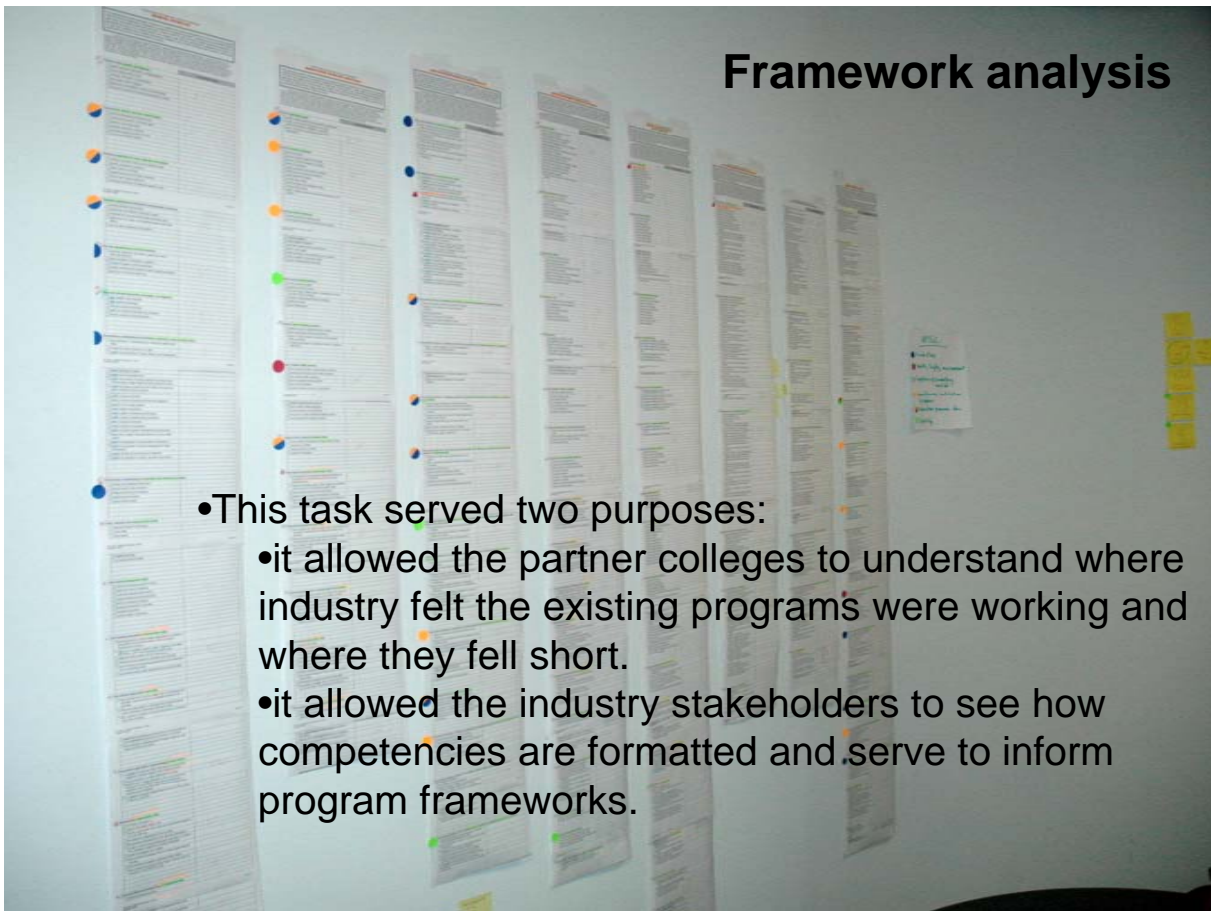
- Determine the need and define the scope:
  - stakeholder input to determine desired program competencies
  - cross reference competencies with the existing program frameworks



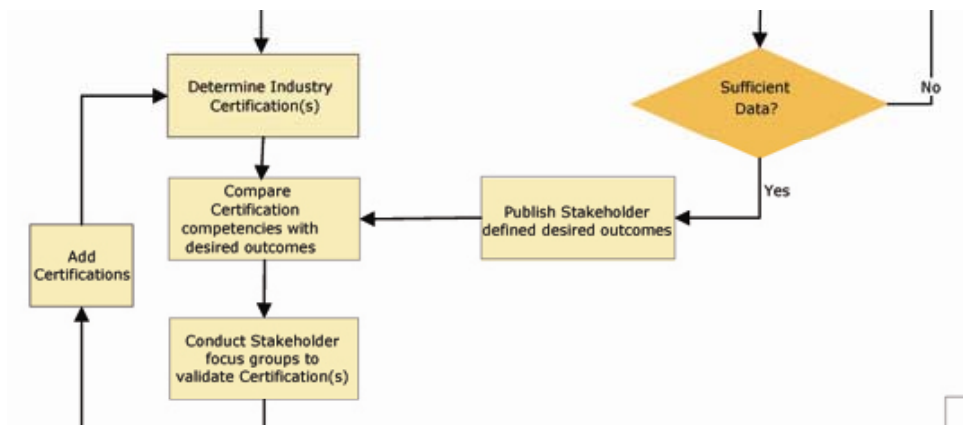
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## Framework analysis



- This task served two purposes:
  - it allowed the partner colleges to understand where industry felt the existing programs were working and where they fell short.
  - it allowed the industry stakeholders to see how competencies are formatted and serve to inform program frameworks.

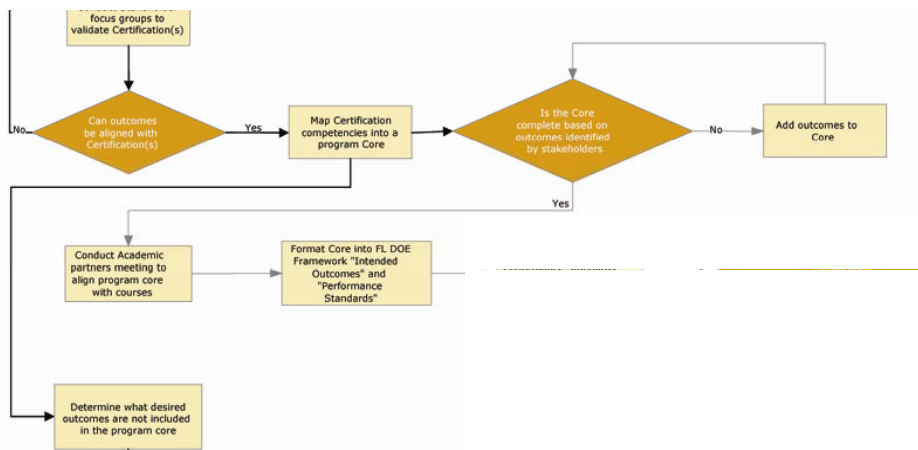


- Determine relevant industry certifications aligned with
  - stakeholder data
  - post-secondary academic programs
  - state's targeted occupation list



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- Map stakeholders' feedback into the identified certifications
- Determine the most relevant industry certification
- Draft a degree core

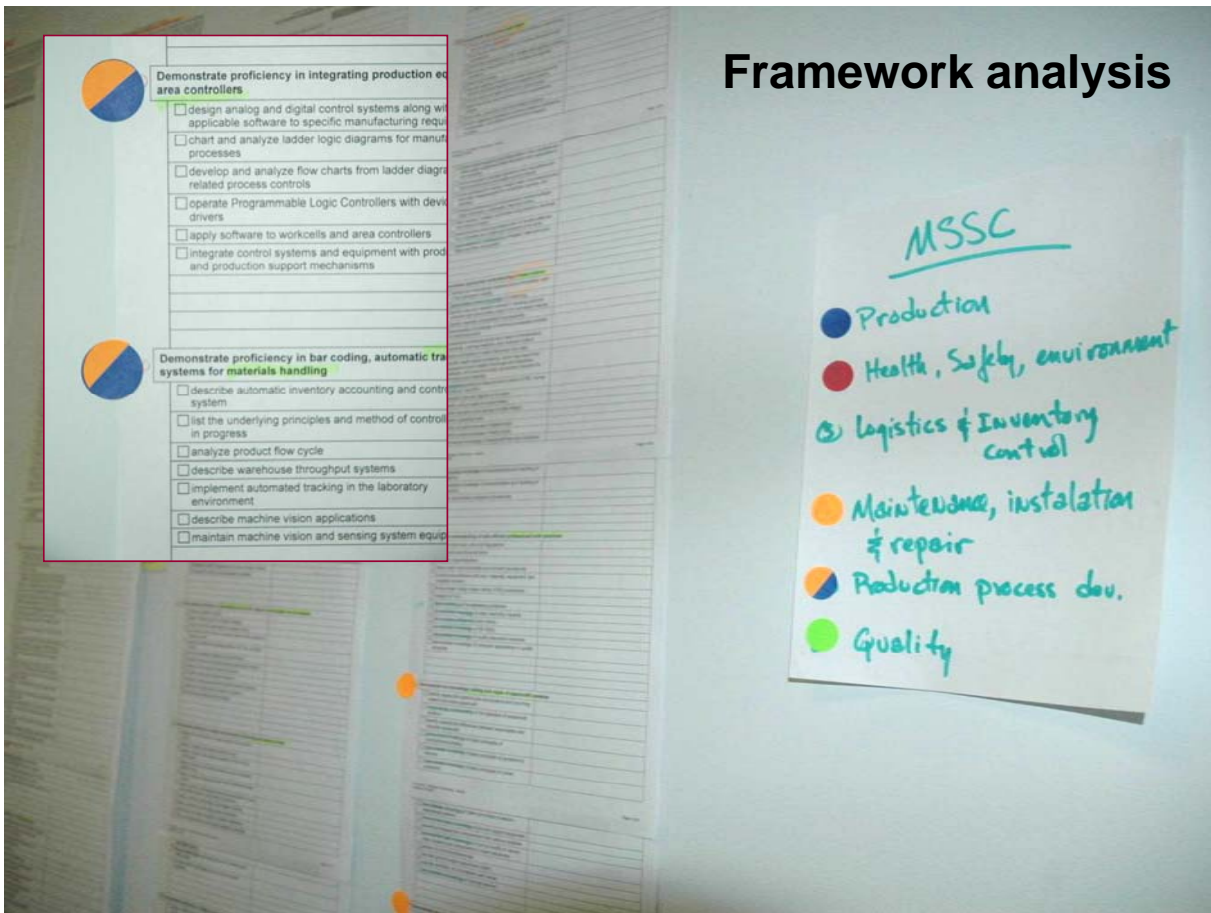
By selecting an industry certification to inform and anchor the program core allowed for currency, precision, relevance, abundant required competencies, and possible articulation pathways.



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# Framework analysis



## Manufacturing Skills Standards Council Portable Production Technician Certification



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- Define the core framework and course options
  - These core courses are required of all the degree specializations

Completion of the common ET Core creates a portable completion point that allows students to transfer within the community college system to an institution with their desired specialization.



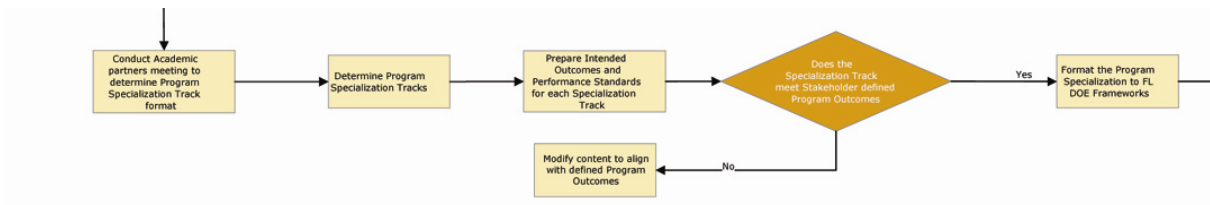
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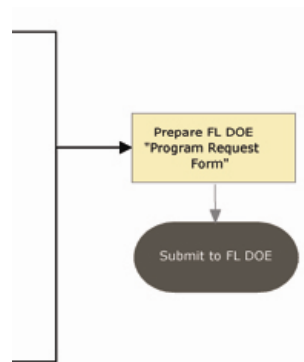


- Determine the specialization tracks
  - specializations needed to be different enough to warrant their own degree track, but common enough to fit under one unified degree
- Prepare the specialization tracks:
  - team members with the most expertise in those disciplines undertook the drafting of the specific frameworks and recommendation of the courses that could be used to meet them
  - each specialization track's framework were reviewed by the working group and then finalized



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- Prepare the program for submission to DOE
  - The ET Core frameworks were joined with the specialization tracks' frameworks
  - The program was submitted to DOE

This multi-track format was new to the Department of Education



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- The resulting degree in Engineering Technology is:
  - a statewide degree,
  - with a common technology core,
  - based on a national certification,
  - with five specialization tracks to meet local needs.
- Students have:
  - multiple entry and exit points,
  - the opportunity to earn college certificates aligned with the specializations,
  - earn an A.S. or A.A.S. degree in Engineering Technology with a specialization in their area of interest.



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