Thank you for your interest in applying to participate in this Cohort and explore different methods for determining what is a qualifying credential. To apply, please use our online application and submit responses to the questions below.

**Briefly respond to the following questions:**

1. Using the definition outlined within federal guidance, how does your state determine what qualifies as a credential?

2. Collectively, what do the core program agencies and participating partners, represented by your State team, want to gain from being a part of this Cohort? *(Please include any benefits as well as challenges you hope participation may help you address within your State.)*

3. Will your entire State Team be able to participate in all of the planned Cohort activities described under the “Timeline of Cohort Activities”, including an anticipated in-person meeting to be held in Washington, DC? *(Note: The Departments of Labor and Education do not anticipate providing funding for travel, lodging, or meals.)*

4. List the name, title, organization, e-mail, and phone number of each State Team member, and indicate the main point of contact. Teams must include a representative from:
   - Titles I and III (adult, dislocated worker, youth, Wagner-Peyser),
   - Title II (Adult Education),
   - Title IV (Vocational Rehabilitation), and
   - Up to two optional representatives of the State’s choice (such as a board, WIOA partner program, agency staff member, or other appropriate state partner).

**Submit your application.**

Please submit completed responses using our [Online Application](#).

Applications are DUE: **September 10, 2019.**

Selected State Teams will be announced by late September.

For questions or additional information, please e-mail [cohorts@mahernet.com](mailto:cohorts@mahernet.com).