Certifications in The Construction Industry: A Look into Industry Standards

It is obvious that having a multitude of certifications diversifies your portfolio, and buffs up your resume but acquiring multiple certifications can be a very expensive and time-consuming task. Is the time commitment and expenses worth it? By the end of this paper students will finally know the answer to a question they have always been asking, “Do construction certifications actually better your chances to get a job?” Since there are numerous certifications that are offered within the Construction Industry, we will be focusing on a list of ten. This paper will serve an important purpose to students as it will aid them to continue making valuable choices upon entering this industry, as well as faculty to decide whether to require their students to complete certain certifications for coursework.

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1. Certified Construction Manager
2. OSHA 10 / 30
3. Concrete Construction Special Inspector
4. Associate Constructor
5. Building Commissioning Professional
6. Designated Design-Build Professional
7. Graduate Builder
8. Green Professional
9. Construction Site Safety Supervisor
10. LEED

(Above) Student Responses on If they wished Cal Poly’s Construction Management Department Provided more Information regrading Construction-Related Certifications

Industry Responses on if they have acquired construction-related certifications

(Above) Illustrates students interest for each construction-related certification

Industry Responses on how beneficial it is to have certifications upon graduation

Industry Responses on what they look for in potential new hires (Scale from 1-6, worst-best)