



National Institute for Metalworking Skills

Delivering credentialed workers to the metalworking industry. *Fast.*

The NIMS Story

Industry stakeholders invested over \$7.5 million to develop NIMS standards and credentials with the goal to develop and maintain a globally competitive American workforce.



Today NIMS is *the* source for industry standards and certifications for machining and metalworking job training.

Standards

Industry workgroups set a baseline for the skills and knowledge a competent employee should possess.

Example:

Machining Level I Standards set the baseline for entry-level machinist skills

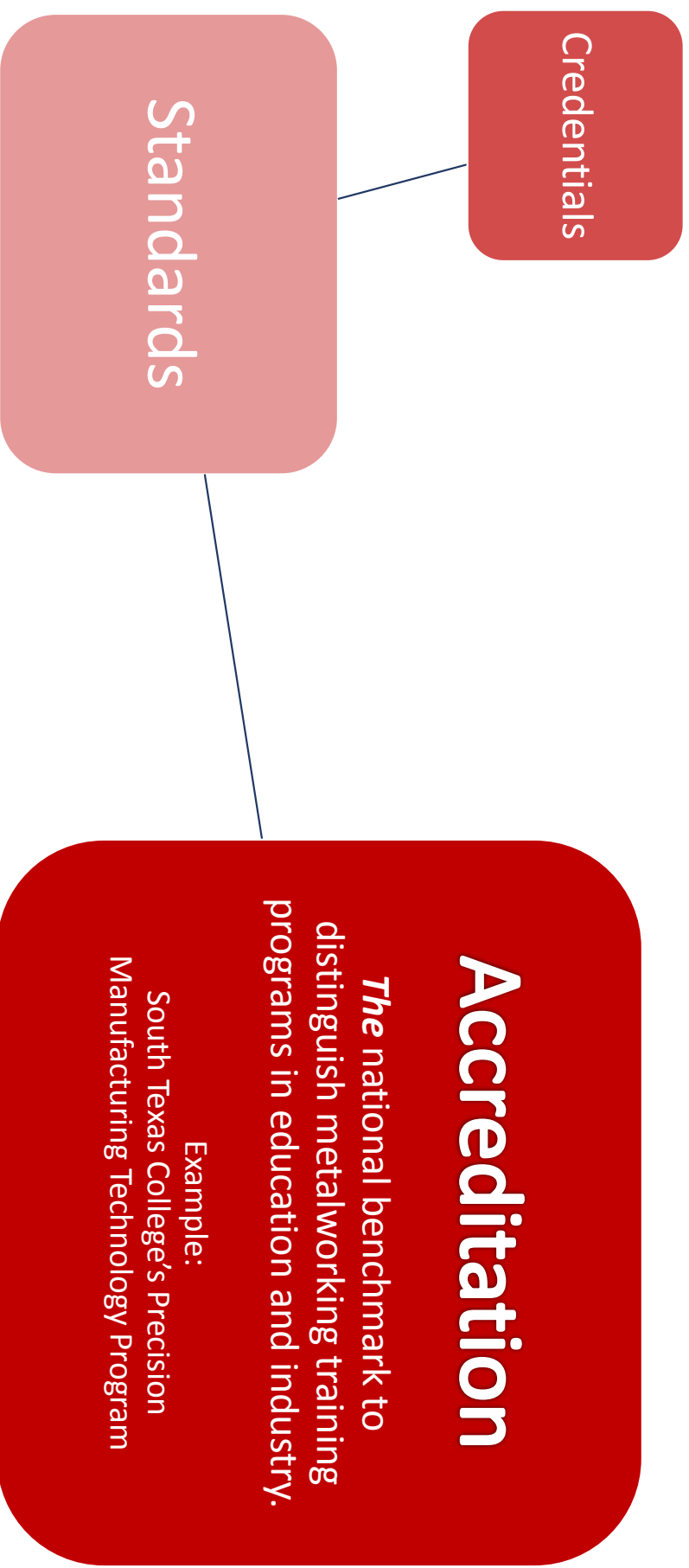
Standards

Credentials

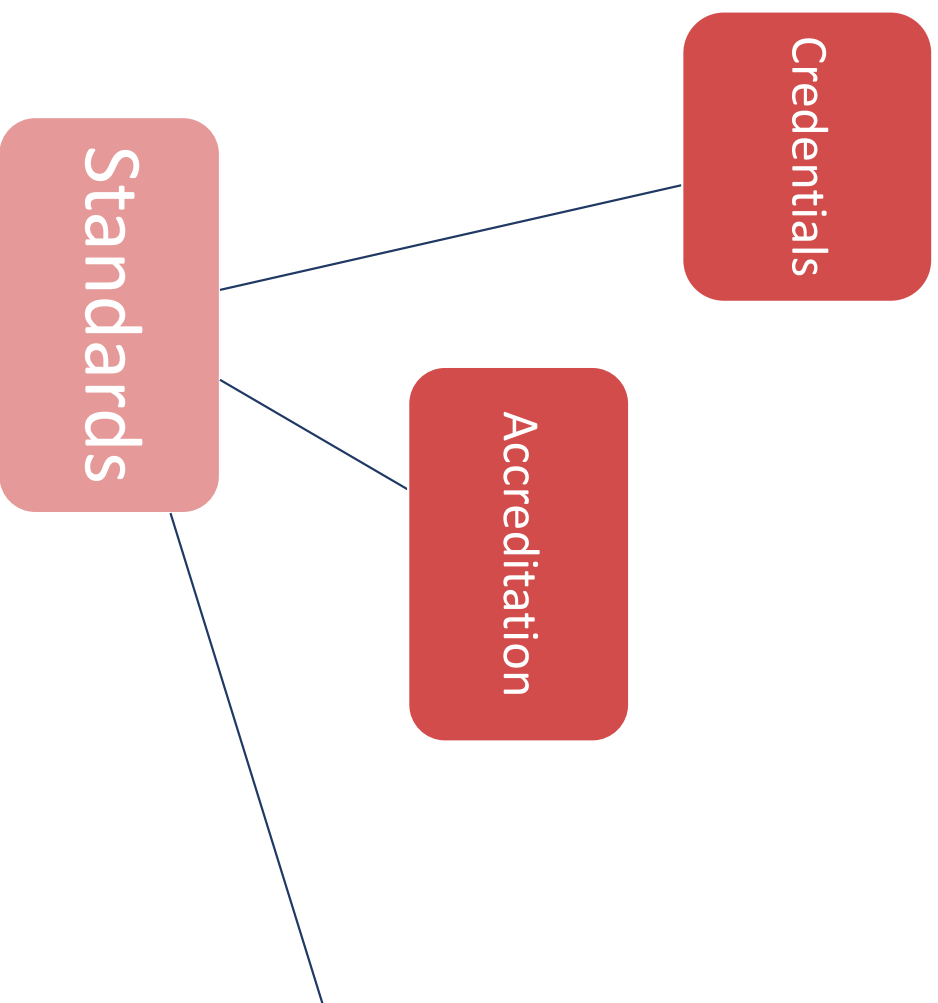
National skill certifications that are developed, piloted, and approved by industry across the U.S.

Example:
CNC Mill Operator I

+ over 75,000 credentials in circulation +



+ over 260 accredited & applicant programs +



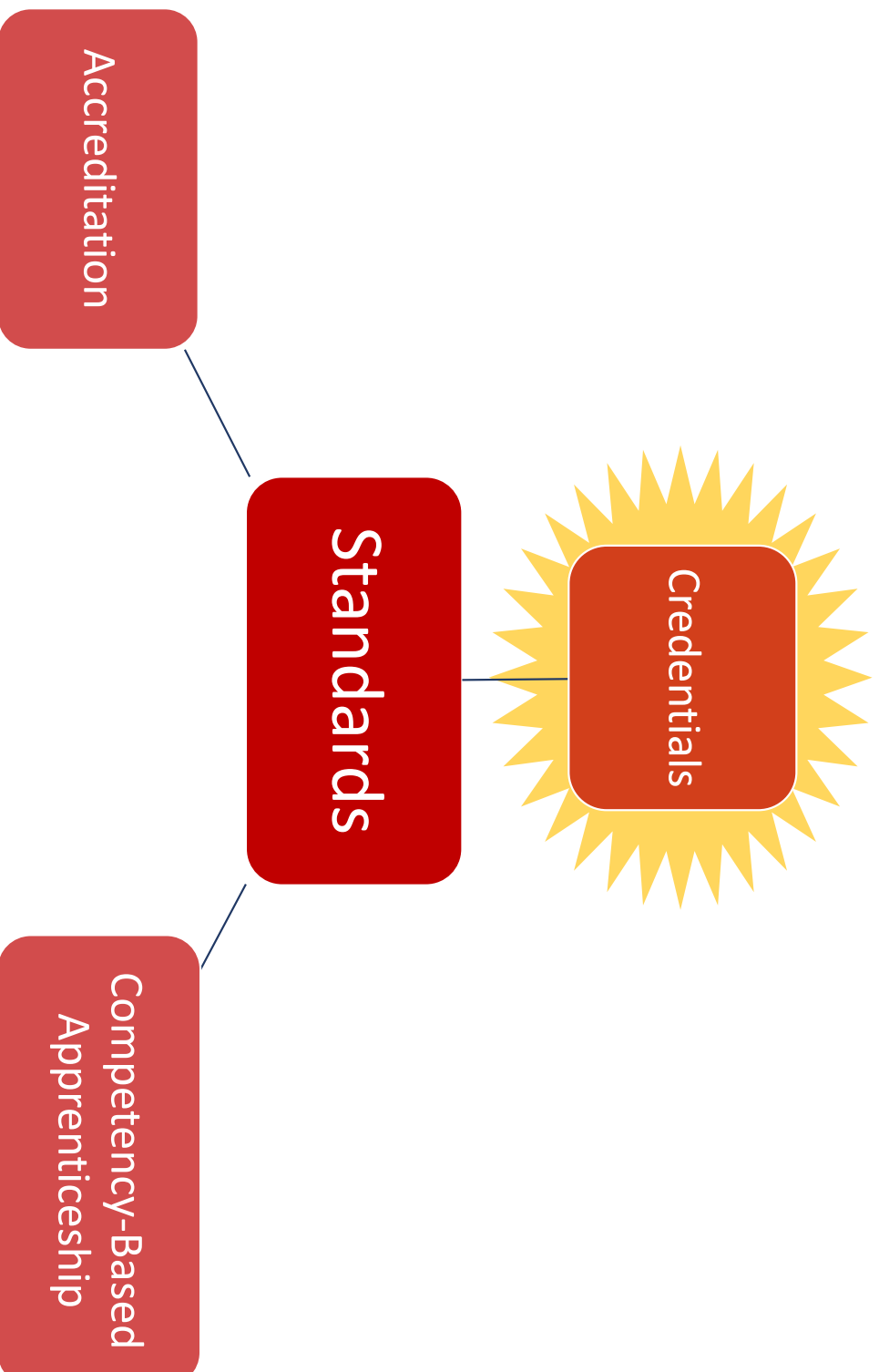
Competency-Based

Apprenticeship

Fast-track blend of classroom and on-the-job training for a customizable “work & learn” experience.

Example:

NIMS Credentials replace traditionally time-based benchmarks



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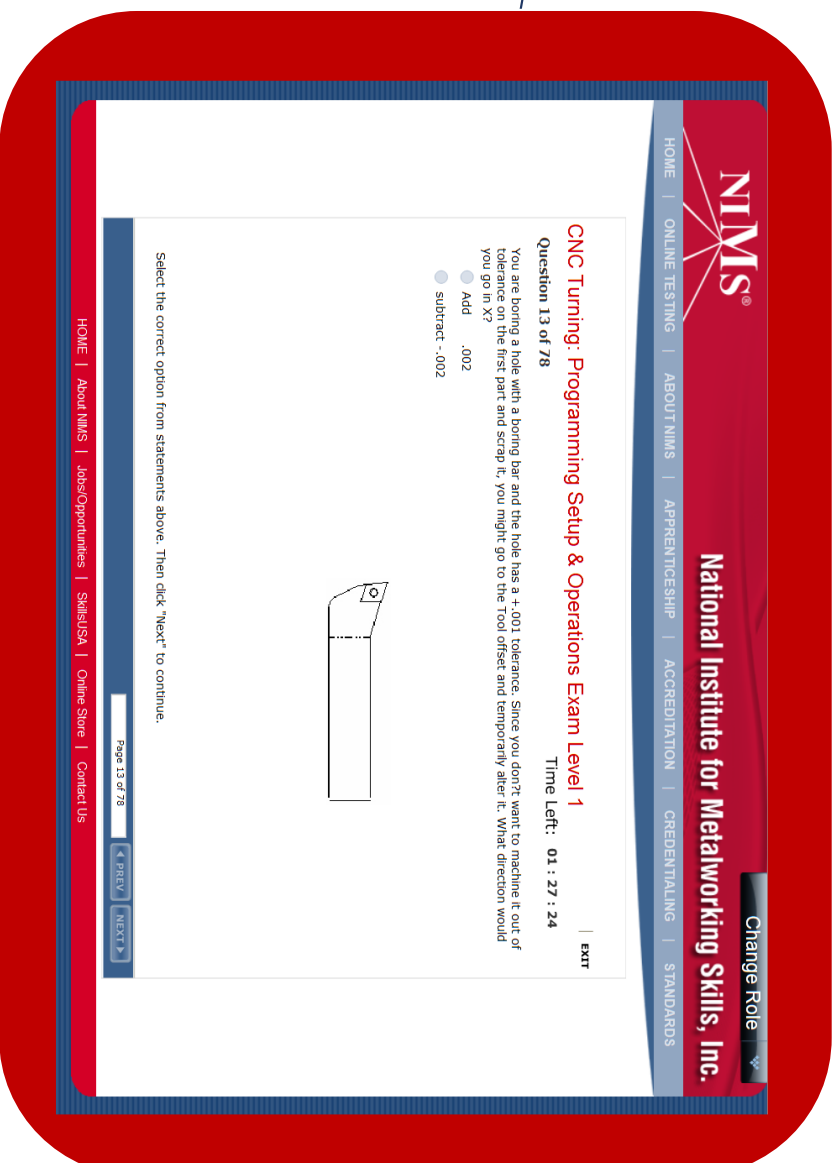
Process

- Complete lifetime registration (\$40 per person) [LINK](#)
- Select from *any* of the 52 NIMS credentials [LINK](#)
- Complete performance and inspection (when required)
- Take online theory test (starting at \$35 per test)
- Flexible payment options
- Instructor testing: *encouraged but not required!*

+ Start today – no prerequisites +

Credentials

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+ Test +

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+ Credentials do not expire +

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Start Up Tools

- Credentialing 101 Video Tutorial [LINK](#)
- Credentialing 101 Kit [LINK](#)
- Credentialing page online [LINK](#)
 - ~ Downloadable Guide for Educational Training Programs
 - ~ Downloadable Guide for Industry Training Programs
 - ~ Payment Options
 - ~ FAQs
- NIMS Support Staff: (703) 352-4971 / support@nims-skills.org

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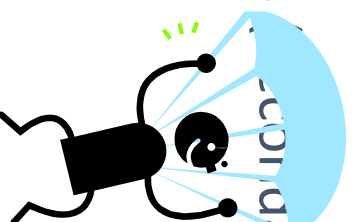
Instructor Workshops

- Facilitated by experienced NIMS rep
- Five Days
- Learn credentialing from A to Z
- Earn up to 11 Machining Level I credentials
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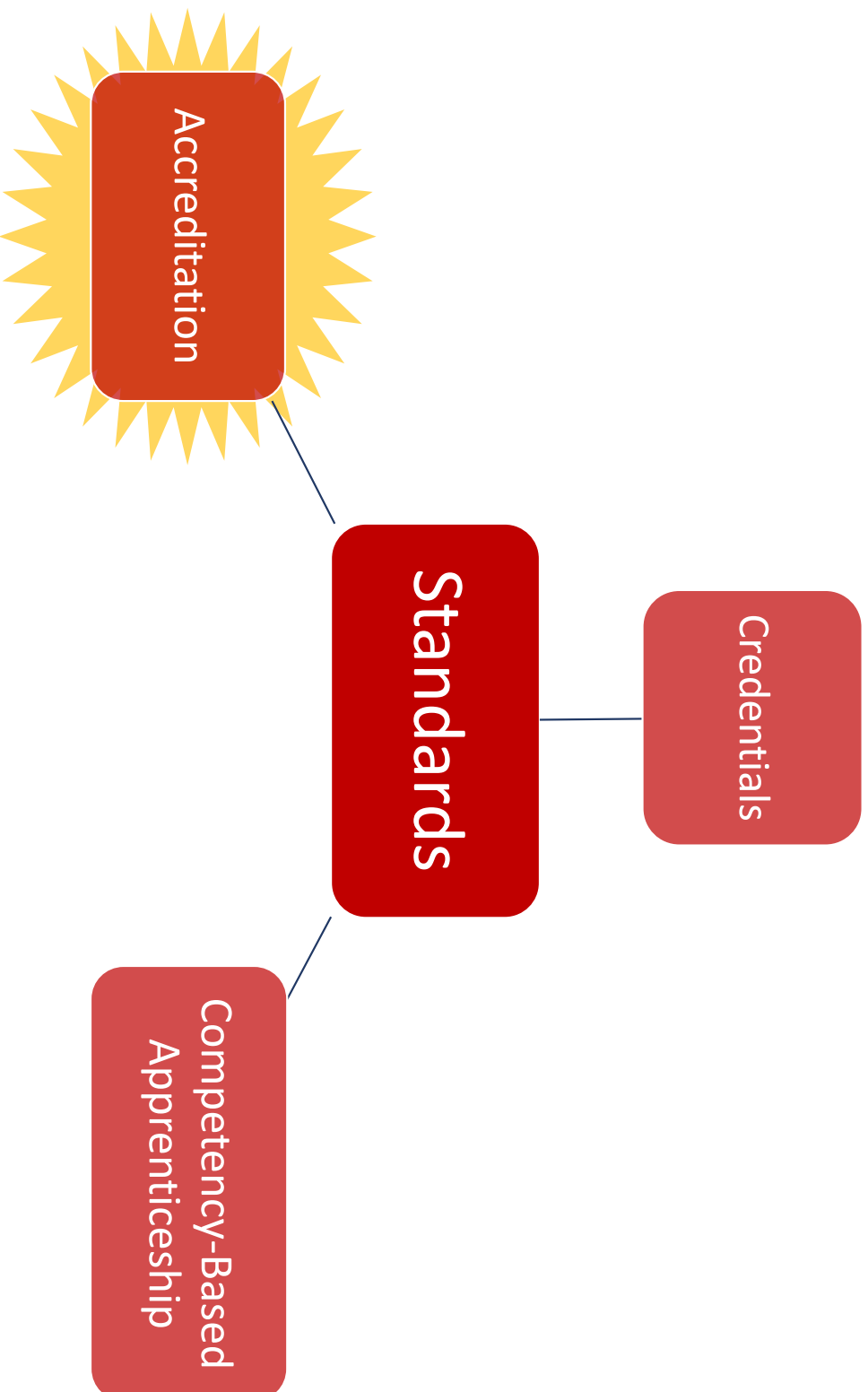
+ Consolidate & maximize training +

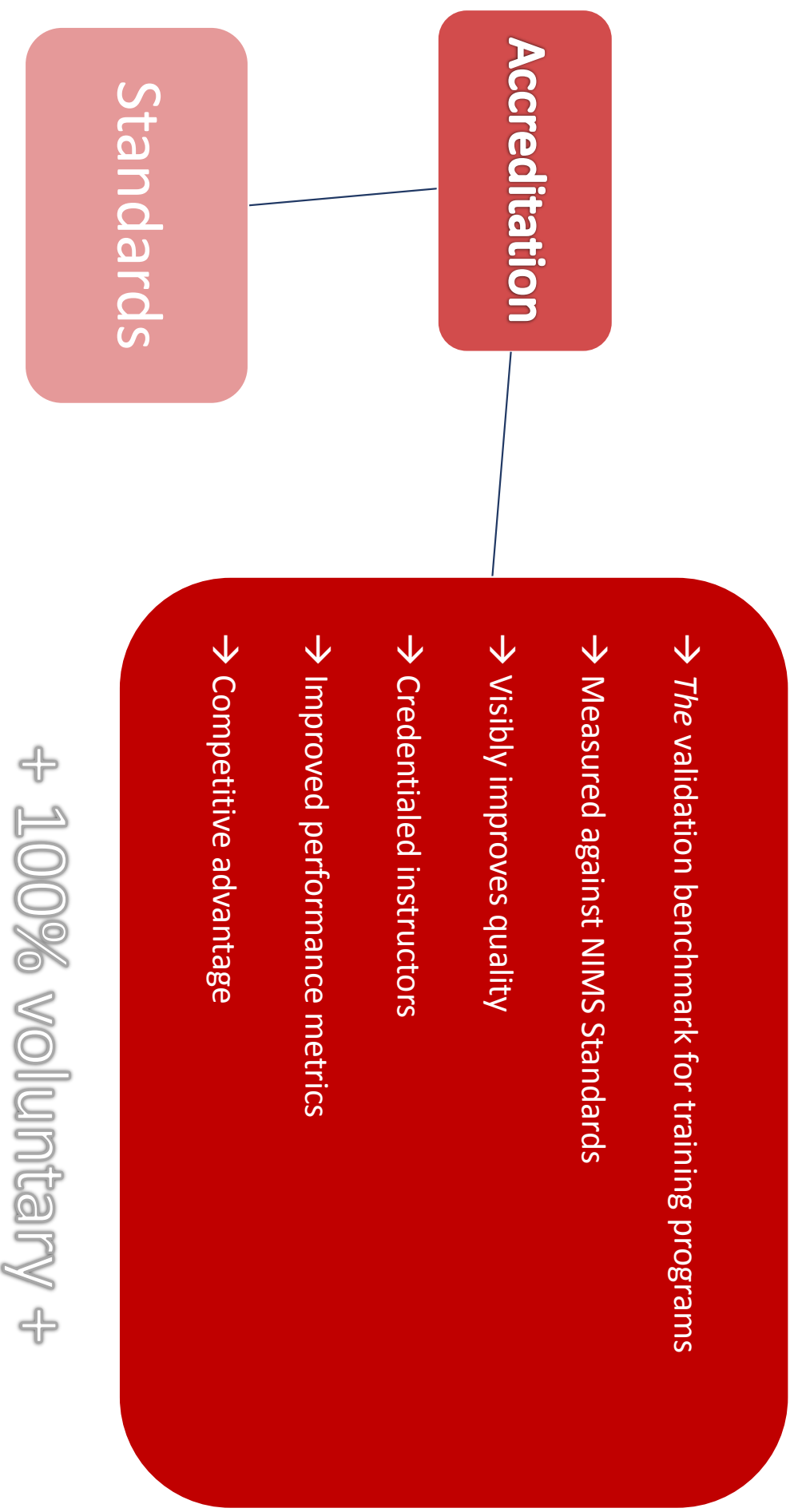
Credentialing Partners

9	Military Installations, including Army, Marines, and Navy
18+	Associations
25+	Government Programs, including Prison System Training
35+	Private Education Institutions: Post-Secondary Training
483+	Industry Companies
1000+	Public Education Institutions



Secondary & Post-Secondary)





Accreditation

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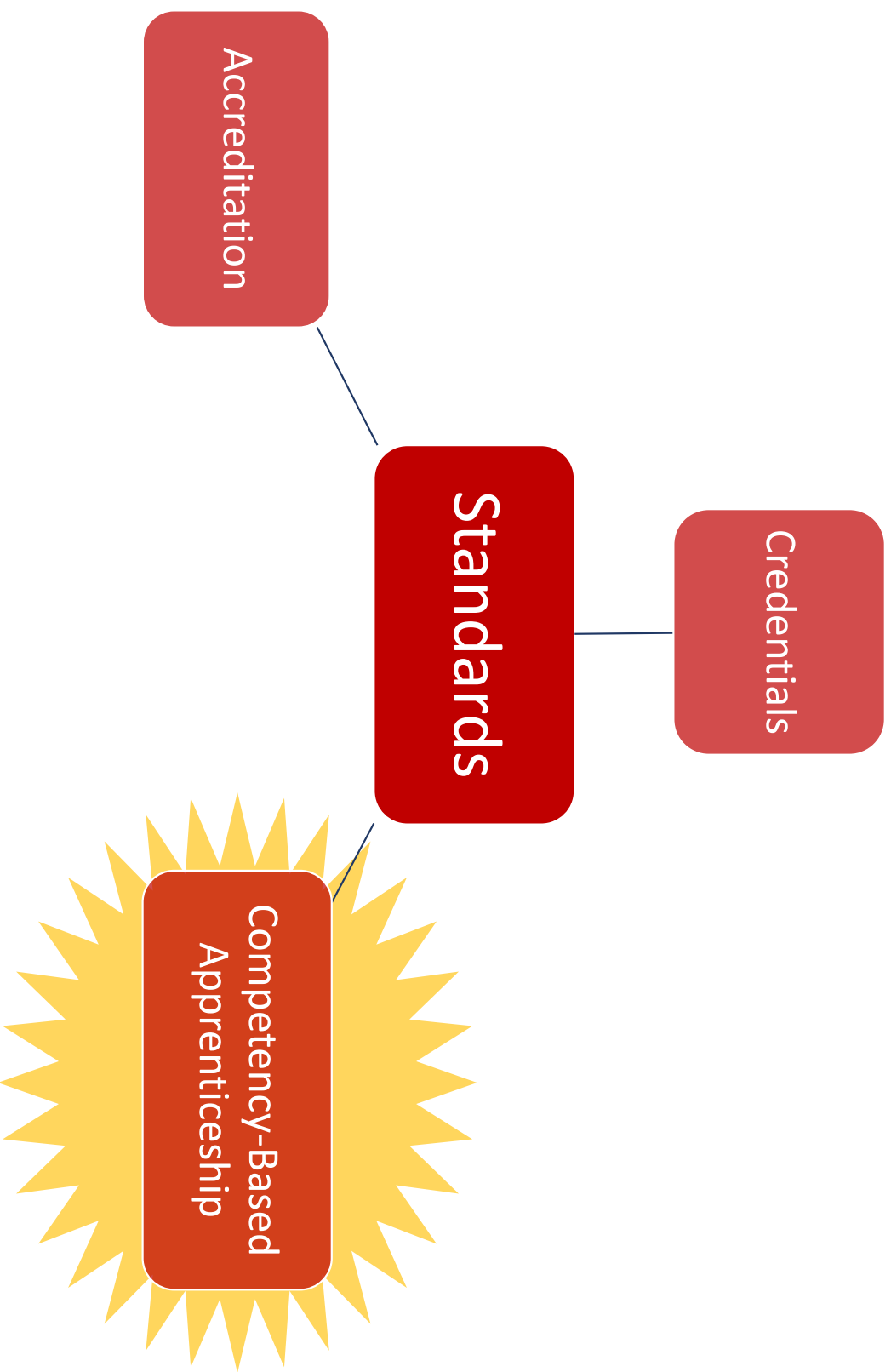
- Complete an application (\$500 per program)
- Complete a Self-Study Kit within 18 months:
 - Review compliance requirements & make changes as necessary
 - Certify faculty / training staff
 - Certify one student / trainee
 - Complete a self-evaluation & forms
- Host a NIMS Team for a 2-Day On Site Evaluation (\$1,000)

+ 100% voluntary +

Accreditation

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Apprenticeship

Standards

- 21st Century Competency-Based Model
- Progress by mastering and performing skills and competencies, in lieu of a rigid set of hours
- Efficient, self-paced
- Core occupational competencies
+ job-specific competencies
+ company-specific competencies
- Industry/Education partnership

+ Working & Learning +

Records, past & future

- 18,947 credentials issued in 2014
- 36% increase from 13,886 in 2013
- Testing in **ALL** fifty states



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