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**Oklahoma Approves Certified Bookkeeper Course  
for 54 Technology-Center Campuses**

Tulsa, Oct. 20, '04—A new program leading to the national Certified Bookkeeper designation has been approved for Oklahoma's 29 technology centers comprising 54 campuses, the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (Career-Tech) announced today.

“We are endorsing the *Certified Bookkeeper* curriculum because it increases students' opportunity to get a job and enhances school accounting programs by focusing on a certification recognized by business and industry,” says Michelle Keylon, State Program Administrator.

The certification is offered by The American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers ([www.aipb.org](http://www.aipb.org)) and is the only national standard for bookkeepers. According to the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, published by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, as bookkeepers are called upon to do much of the work of accountants, those with “bookkeeper certification will have the best job prospects.”

The state sees the certification as being very useful to students because it will give them a tremendous edge in the job market and offer much greater opportunity once they get a job.

AIPB is the national association and certifying body for bookkeepers, founded in 1987, currently with 30,000 members, at 800-622-0121.