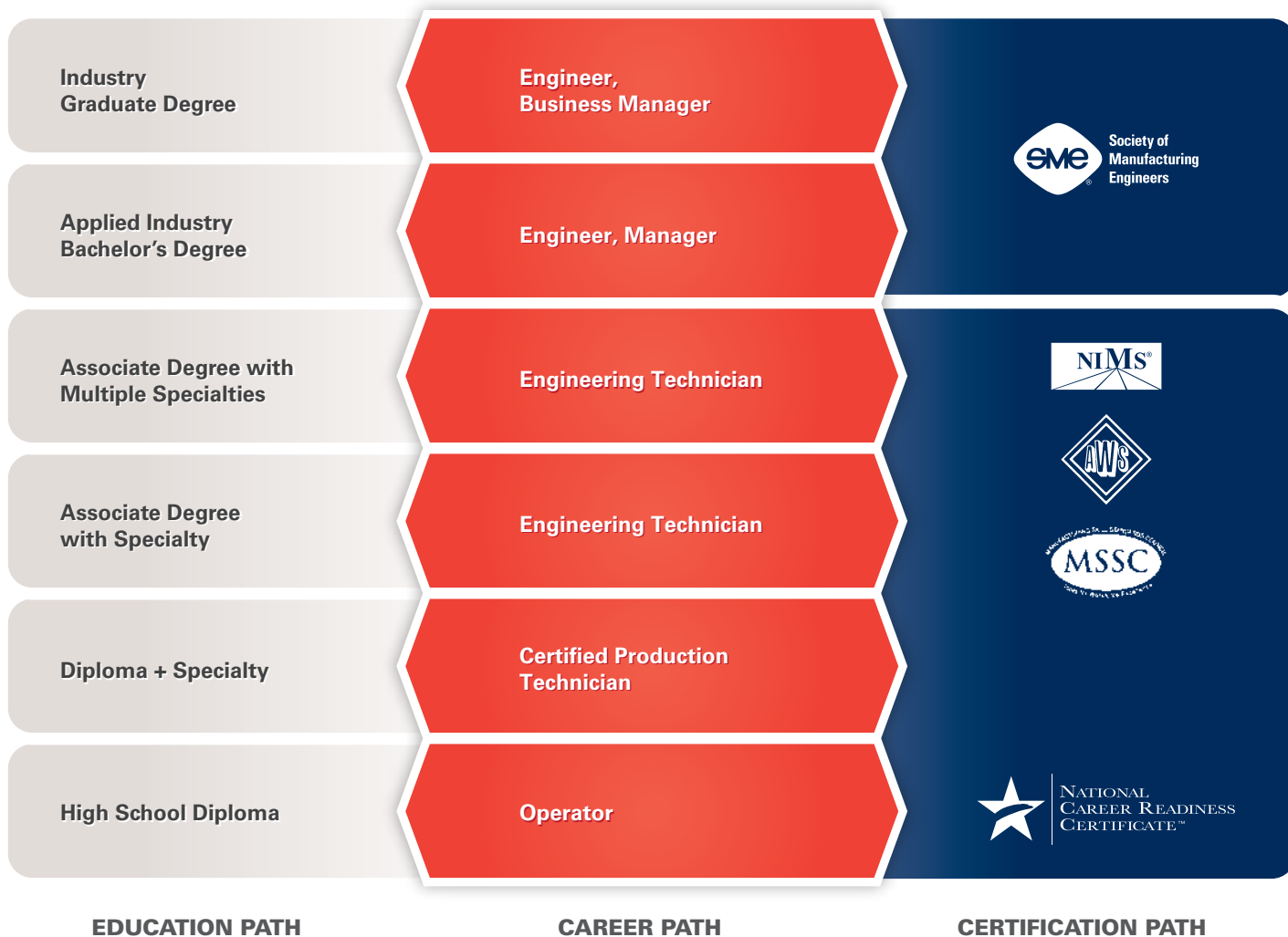


## ALIGNING EDUCATION TO THE SKILLS CERTIFICATIONS



The National Association of Manufacturers believes every student should graduate from high school, ready for work and ready for higher education. That means every student should have the opportunity to earn both a high school diploma and a National Career Readiness Certificate. The Certificate will assure manufacturers that individuals who choose to enter the workforce immediately after high school or post secondary education have the core academic and workplace competencies to be hired.

Additional workplace competencies and industry-wide technical skills are generally learned in the post secondary education environment, including community colleges, apprenticeship programs, 4-year colleges and universities, and private educational institutions. These post secondary educational organizations are called upon to align curriculum to the certification programs recognized as providing the workplace competencies and industry-wide technical skills necessary to succeed in careers in manufacturing across all sectors.