



## Secondary CTE Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

### Applicant

Legal name

Date:

### Requirements

Applicants must meet all requirements outlined in 1, 2 and 3:

1. a. Hold a bachelor's degree in any agriculture discipline **OR**
  - b. Hold a valid Colorado teacher or alternative teacher license in any secondary (7-12) endorsement area. *(Note to alternative candidates: If you qualified for this CTE by obtaining an alternative license and do not successfully complete the alternative program and obtain an initial teacher license, this CTE authorization will be expired the date you discontinue the program.)*
2. **Content knowledge:**
  - a. 24 semester hours of related postsecondary coursework from a regionally accredited institution verified on an official transcript with a minimum of three (3) semester hours in **four** (4) of the areas listed in the table below **OR**
  - b. A passing score on the PRAXIS 5701 agriculture exam. An official score report must be submitted with the application.
3. **Experience:**

*Credit for student teaching (up to 800 hours) in the content area may be applied to either occupational or teaching experience.*

  - a. 2,000 hours of verified occupational experience in the content area **OR**
  - b. Three (3) years' verified teaching experience in the content area (full-time is defined as 51% or more of a teaching schedule dedicated to teaching in the content area).

Content coursework (min. of 3 semester hours in 4 of the areas)	Coursework	Semester Hours
Animal science		
Plant science		
Agribusiness systems		
Environmental and natural resources systems		
Power, structural and technical systems		
Food products and processing		
<b>Total semester hours (24 semester hours required)</b>		

Up to a maximum of six (6) semester hours of professional development may serve in lieu of coursework in the "content coursework" section above and must be documented within the application. (15 contact hours = 1 semester hour)

**Note: Initial (three-year) CTE authorizations cannot be renewed and always include mandatory CTE coursework assigned at the time of issuance. You will be notified by CDE via email of all required coursework that is needed to advance to a professional (five-year) CTE authorization. Please do not enroll in coursework until you receive the notification from CDE.**