



Middle School CTE Combined Exploratory

Applicant

Legal Name:

Date:

Requirements

U.S. Service Member Applicants may meet content knowledge and experience requirements as follows:

- U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy or Space Force members: three or more years' active duty
- Guard/Reserves: 10 years' experience, or five years' experience with 12 months active-duty deployment
- Military Occupational Specialty (MOS), time of service and an honorable discharge verified on a DD-214 member copy 4

All other applicants must meet all requirements outlined in 1 and 2 below:

1. Content Knowledge:

- 15 semester hours* of coursework from an accredited college/university in the selected Career Cluster (below) **OR**
- An industry-recognized credential to the selected Career Cluster, as identified on the [Colorado Development Incentive Program list](#) for the current fiscal year **OR**
- A valid state or national occupational license for the selected Career Cluster

2. Experience:

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

- 1,000 hours of verified occupational (non-teaching) experience in the selected Career Cluster **OR**
- Three (3) years' verified CTE-instructional experience in a related content area (full-time is defined as 51% or more of a teaching schedule dedicated to the content area)

Career Cluster	Relevant Coursework*	Course Codes & 15+ Semester/PD* hours
Agriculture, Natural Resources & Energy	Animal science; plant science; agribusiness; food science; natural resources/environmental science; food science; power, structure and technical systems	
Business Marketing, Entrepreneurship & Finance	Business management; human resources; project management; marketing; sales; finance; insurance; entrepreneurship/small business management; banking; insurance; customer service	
Health Science, Criminal Justice & Public Safety	EMT; CAN; PCT; CPT; MA; other noneducation-based health & safety coursework	
Hospitality, Human Services & Education	Hospitality; nutrition, food production, early childhood education; human development and family studies; education and training; interior design; fashion and design merchandising	
Skilled Trades & Technical Sciences	Architecture; construction; manufacturing; design & drafting, automotive; aviation	
Engineering, Technology & Media Arts (ETMA)	Design & multimedia arts; digital media & communication; technical theatre/theatre design and technology; coding; networking systems & security; web design; engineering	
Alternative Cooperative Education (ACE)	Career development; postsecondary-workforce readiness; computer literacy; financial literacy; work-based learning; durable skills, self-determination, digital citizenship, personal development; capstone	
Total semester hours (min: 15 semester hours) required)		

*A maximum of six (6) semester hours of professional development may serve in lieu of coursework and must be documented within the application. (15 contact hours = 1 semester hour)

*** Contact the state [CTE Program Director](#) for the content area for specific guidance.**