



Secondary CTE Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Endorsement

Applicant

Legal name

Date:

Requirements

Hold a bachelor's degree in any discipline of agriculture OR hold a valid Colorado teacher or alternative teacher license in any secondary (7-12) endorsement area. (Note to alternative candidates: If you do not successfully complete the alternative program, this CTE authorization will be expired as of the date you discontinue the program.)

AND meet the requirements listed in 1 and 2 below:

1. Content knowledge:

- 24 semester hours of related postsecondary coursework from a regionally accredited institution verified on an official transcript with a minimum of three semester hours in four of the areas listed in the table below

OR

- A passing score on the PRAXIS 5701 agriculture exam. An official score report must be submitted with the application.

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

- 2,000 hours of verified occupational experience in the content area within the last seven years

OR

- 3 years verified teaching experience in the content area within the last seven years (full-time is defined as 51% or more of a teaching schedule dedicated to teaching in the content area).

Table with 3 columns: Content coursework (minimum of 3 semester hours in 4 of the areas), Coursework, Semester Hours. Rows include Animal science, Plant science, Agribusiness systems, Environmental and natural resources systems, Power, structural and technical systems, Food products and processing.

Total semester hours (24 semester hours required)

Up to a maximum of 6 semester hours of professional development may be applied toward coursework requirements and must be documented in 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 move from a three-year to a five-year CTE authorization. Please do not enroll in coursework related to this CTE authorization until you have been notified by the Colorado Department of Education.