

Standard CTE Certificate

Valid for up to 5 years, the initial Standard CTE Certificate* is required for teaching in state-approved career and technical education programs in the area specified on the certificate.

Some teacher candidates may be employed while earning the certificate. However, they must meet the qualification requirements set forth in [Career and Technical Education Authorizations](#).

Candidates for initial certification who have completed a CTE education preparation program outside of Michigan must follow the guidance found at [Out-of-State Applicants](#).

Teacher candidates who have not completed an educator preparation program must work with a Michigan [educator preparation institution](#) approved to offer CTE programs and work with the institution to meet all of the following requirements:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree in any area.
2. Hold a major or minor in the field of specialization in which CTE certification is being requested.
3. Document work experience in the CTE area that has been earned within the last 6 years totaling a minimum of 2 years (4,000 hours).
4. Complete a minimum of 6 semester credit hours of professional or CTE education credit.
5. Pass the basic skills examination. Note: Beginning October 1, 2017, the Michigan Department of Education will be using the [SAT](#) as the basic skills examination. However, certification candidates should read this [Basic Skills Examinations](#) document BEFORE registering because assessments prior to October 1, 2017 may be accepted for certification.

Applicants apply through the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System \(MOECS\)](#) when program requirements have been met.

**The Standard CTE Certificate replaces the Interim Occupational Certificate pursuant to Administrative Rule 390.1101.*