

# CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION

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| <b>Name of Certificate</b>                    | Certificate will be referred to as Educator Certification - Alternative Certification.  |
| <b>Certificate Type</b>                       | Alternative Certification – An alternative process of completing teacher or administrator certification requirements while simultaneously employed as a teacher or administrator in a public or Department-accredited school.   |
| <b>Preparation Type</b>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTE Alternative Preparation (not complete)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Duration and Expiration of Certificate</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One-year Certificate which can be renewed two times</li> <li>• Certificates expire June 30<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Fees</b>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$25 Initial Educator Certificate (1-year Certificate)</li> <li>• \$25 1-year Renewal</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Certificate Holder Requirements</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have a valid Alternative Preliminary Certificate</li> <li>• Hold an associate of applied science (A.A.S.) degree or higher in a related CTE field, have 4000 hours of work experience in a related CTE field, or hold a national certification in a related CTE field; and</li> <li>• Receives an offer of employment from a public or Department-accredited school.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Scope of Certificate</b>                   | A CTE alternative teaching certificate holder may not teach grades or content areas beyond the endorsements listed on the certificate.  |
| <b>Authorization</b>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An applicant for a CTE alternative certificate <u>may</u> teach in the following areas once the endorsement requirements are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grades 7 through 12 CTE endorsement areas;</li> <li>▪ Secondary teacher; or</li> <li>▪ K-12 teacher.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• An applicant for a CTE alternative certificate <u>may not</u> teach in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Early childhood education;</li> <li>▪ Elementary;</li> <li>▪ Early childhood special education; or</li> <li>▪ K-12 special education.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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| <b><i>Employer Requirements</i></b>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Verify the applicant has a valid alternative preliminary certificate;</li> <li>○ Provide mentorship and orientation; and</li> <li>○ Recommend the applicant for certification.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Beginning July 1, 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Verify the applicant has a valid alternative preliminary certificate;</li> <li>○ Document the school attempted but was unable to hire a certified teacher prior to hiring an applicant with an alternative certificate;</li> <li>○ Offer a state-approved mentoring program;</li> <li>○ Provide the applicant with information about the SD Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers;</li> <li>○ Train the applicant on the school teacher evaluation system; and</li> <li>○ Recommend the alternative certification teacher for renewal based on documented performance and progress.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| <b><i>Requirements to Obtain a Professional Teaching Certificate</i></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Complete a minimum of 12 transcribed credit hours with a C or higher in the following:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 credits in methods of CTE completed during the first three years of employment;</li> <li>▪ 4 credit mentored internship completed during the first three years of employment;</li> <li>▪ 3 credits course in South Dakota Indian Studies; and</li> <li>▪ 3 credits in human relations, adolescent psychology, classroom management, student assessment, or differentiated instruction.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Pass the state-designated pedagogy test;</li> <li>○ Adhere to the SD Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers; and</li> <li>○ Receive signoff from the employing school/district.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Beginning July 1, 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Complete a minimum of 12 transcribed credits with a C or higher in the following:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 9-credits in methods of CTE and a mentored internship, each to include adolescent psychology, classroom management, student assessment, and differentiated instruction to be completed in the first two years of employment; and</li> <li>▪ 3 credit course in South Dakota Indian Studies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Pass the state-designated pedagogy test;</li> <li>○ Adhere to the SD Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers; and</li> <li>○ Receive signoff from the employing school/district.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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| <b><i>Renewal Requirements</i></b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit documented evidence of progress toward meeting the requirements to complete alternative certification;</li><li>• Submit a recommendation for renewal from the employing school/district; and</li><li>• Complete one hour of Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training is required by state statute.</li></ul>                              |
| <b><i>Maximum Length of Certificate</i></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The applicant has three years to complete the CTE alternative teaching certificate. The CTE alternative certificate is invalid following the expiration date of the third year.</li><li>• After alternative certification requirements are met the Alternative Certification Preparation will be updated from not complete to complete.</li></ul> |