

## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION

<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 completed)</li> <li>• Teacher (CTE)</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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<p><b><i>Employer Requirements</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A school district or department-accredited school employing a CTE alternative teaching certificate applicant shall:             <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 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>
<p><b><i>Requirements to Obtain a Professional Teaching Certificate</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant for a CTE alternative certificate shall:             <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>▪ 6-credits in methods of CTE and a mentorship to include units on classroom management, student assessment, and differentiated instruction;</li> <li>▪ 3-credit adolescent psychology course; 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>
<p><b><i>Renewal Requirements</i></b></p>	<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 a minimum of 60 minutes of Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training is required by state statute.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Maximum Length of Certificate</i></b></p>	<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 completed to completed.</li> </ul>