

Vocational Education

Fact Sheet #124

READ THIS FACT SHEET IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ENDORSEMENTS TO TEACH VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN A VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL OR IN A COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL:

- * Occupational Subjects in Vocational-Technical Schools
- * Trade-Related Subjects in Vocational-Technical Schools
- * Practical Nurse Education in Vocational-Technical Schools
- * Health Occupations in Vocational-Technical Schools
- * Agriculture Education - Aquaculture
- * Health Occupations
- * Trade and Industrial Occupations in Comprehensive High Schools
- * Marketing Education
- * Cooperative Work Education

This fact sheet will provide you with specific requirements unique to each vocational endorsement. Please note that your previous or current employer attesting to your dates of service, position held, and the nature of service, must provide verification of occupational experience. A notarized statement may only be submitted if your employer is no longer in business or if you are self-employed.

In addition, all applicants for vocational education endorsements who do not already hold a valid Connecticut teaching certificate, **must complete a course of study in special education** comprised of not fewer than 36 clock hours, which shall include study in understanding the growth and development of exceptional children, including handicapped and gifted and talented children and children who may require special education, and methods for identifying, planning for and working effectively with special-needs children in the regular classroom.

Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) is required for all applicants who do not already hold a valid Connecticut teaching certificate and are requesting an endorsement for which a bachelor's degree is required.

State Vocational-Technical School System

- * **Occupational Subjects in Vocational-Technical Schools**
 - High school diploma
 - Eight years trade experience in the specific occupational subject requested
 - Six credits in teaching vocational and industrial education
- * **Trade-Related Subjects in Vocational-Technical Schools**
 - High school diploma
 - Two years post-secondary school, including 30 credits in technical subjects such as mathematics, science and design.
 - Three years of approved business or industrial experience
 - Six credits in teaching vocational and industrial education
- * **Practical Nurse Education in Vocational-Technical Schools**
 - Bachelor's degree
 - Valid RN license
 - Three years nursing experience
 - Six credits in teaching vocational and industrial education
- * **Health Occupations in Vocational-Technical Schools**
 - High school diploma and eight years related work experience or a bachelor's degree and 3 years related work experience
 - Valid health license
 - Six credits in teaching vocational and industrial education

* **Vocational-Technical School Administrator**

- Bachelor's degree
- 50 months of successful teaching experience
- Three years of satisfactory industrial or related work experience
- Holds or eligible for Connecticut certificate
- 30 credits of professional education, including six credits in administration and supervision of vocational education
- The required course of study in special education

Applied Curriculum and Technology Subjects
(Vocational education in a comprehensive high school)

* **Agriculture Education (to teach agriculture or aquaculture)**

- Bachelor's degree with a major in agriculture or aquaculture
- One year related work experience (agriculture or aquaculture)
- Six credits in professional education
- Praxis II Subject-Knowledge Test (#10780)

* **Trade and Industrial Occupations in Comprehensive High Schools**

- High school diploma
- Written request by the employing agent
- Three years related work experience or one year related work experience and two years of specialized schooling
- Six credits in professional education

* **Marketing Education**

- Bachelor's degree
- One year marketing experience
- 15 credits in marketing fields
- Six credits in professional education

* **Health Occupations**

- Bachelor's degree
- One year experience in health occupations
- Valid health license, if appropriate
- Six credits in professional education

* **Cooperative Work Education (CWEDO)**

- Bachelor's degree
- Holds or is eligible for secondary level teaching certificate
- 30 months of successful teaching experience
- One year of non-teaching experience
- Three credits in Principles and Organization of CWEDO
- Three credits in each of the following: Foundations and Principles of Vocational Education & Labor and Market Analysis Trends and Job Readiness

Please be aware that if you are requesting an endorsement in an area or field for which a bachelor's degree is not required, or for agriculture education, health occupations, marketing education, or practical nurse education program, you may be eligible for a one-year certificate with a deficiency of up to six credits in addition to the required course of study in special education, if all other requirements for certification are met. The certificate may be renewed for one additional year, upon application, to allow for a total of two years to meet all course work requirements.

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