

# Pathways to Licensure: Career and Technical Education



## Are you looking to fill a vacant Career and Technical Education position in your school?

You may have an educator in your school or district who is already qualified to fill the position! The requirements below outline the most common credentials that educators earn to work in Career and Technical Education.

## Options for obtaining a CTE (Career and Technical Education) teaching endorsement

### Professional Educator License<sup>1</sup>

If you currently hold a Professional Educator License (PEL) endorsed in teaching, you may add a subsequent CTE endorsement by:

- ✓ Passing the content exam.\*
- ✓ Completing 18 semester hours of coursework in the content area.

### Short Term Approval<sup>1, 2</sup>

If you currently hold a PEL endorsed in teaching, you may add a short-term subsequent CTE endorsement (available for three years) by:

- ✓ Passing the content exam.\*
- ✓ Completing 9 semester hours of coursework in the content area.

### ELS CTE

Individuals who have worked in industry and do not hold a PEL may pursue an Educator License with Stipulations (ELS). These endorsements may be obtained by:

- ✓ Completing a minimum of 60 semester hours from a regionally accredited institution or an accredited trade and technical institution at the 100-level or higher.
- ✓ Completing a minimum of 2,000 documented hours of experience outside of education in the first requested endorsement area.
- ✓ Completing a minimum of 1,000 documented hours of experience outside of education in any subsequent requested endorsement areas.

### ELS CTE-P

Individuals who have worked in industry and neither hold a PEL nor have 60 hours of college coursework may pursue Provisional Educator License with Stipulations (CTE-P ELS). These endorsements may be obtained by:

- ✓ Completing a minimum of 8,000 documented hours of experience outside of education in the first requested endorsement area.
- ✓ Completing a minimum of 1,000 documented hours of experience outside of education in any subsequent requested endorsement areas.

## Application procedures

1 View full requirements at [www.isbe.net/licensure](http://www.isbe.net/licensure).

2 Create or login to your existing ELIS account.

3 Submit the applicable endorsement or approval application.

4 Pay the \$100 application fee.

5 Submit required forms and transcripts to your ROE/ISC.

### Resources:

[Webinar](#) regarding CTE ELS process

Helpful [Step-by-Step Instructions](#) on applying for CTE Licensure

ISBE [CTE Licensure page](#)

### \*Illinois Content Area Test Site

<sup>1</sup>There is no requirement to provide hours of industry work experience

<sup>2</sup>Available endorsement areas: Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Arts & Communications; Finance and Business Services; Health Sciences and Technology; Information Technology; Manufacturing, Engineering, Technology, and Trades

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