Adoption: Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teacher Certification Code Revisions

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Proposed Amendments: Definitions

N.J.A.C. 6A:9-2.1 "accredited career-focused institution"

A private career school that is accredited by an agency that appears in the Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions or Programs maintained by the United States Department of Education.



Proposed Amendments: Definitions Cont'd.

N.J.A.C. 6A:9-2.1 "approved career-focused institution"

A private career school that is approved to operate by a certificate of approval issued by the commissioners of the Department of Education and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development



Proposed Amendments: Definitions Cont'd.

N.J.A.C. 6A:9-2.1 "industry credential"

A certification issued by an approved career-focused institution or by an occupational or industry group to demonstrate competency or completion of training for a particular job category



Proposed Amendments: Definitions Cont'd.

N.J.A.C. 6A:9-2.1 "CTE Teacher Bridge"

The process by which holders of standard instructional certificates with an endorsement in a subject area that authorizes them to teach grades nine through 12 may obtain a career and technical education (CTE) endorsement to teach CTE programs that align to an indemand industry sector or occupation that is experiencing a shortage of CTE teachers, as identified and approved by the Department



Proposed Amendments

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.3(b)1i. and ii. Experience based endorsements

Eliminate the requirement that employment experience be within 10 years of the endorsement application.

Allow up to three years of teaching experience to count toward the four years of occupational experience.

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.3(b)1iii. Military experience

Use the verification of military experience and training to demonstrate experience acquired in the military.



Proposed Amendments Cont'd.

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.3(b)2 and 3 Degree based endorsements

Allow flexibility for candidates to qualify for a CTE certification with either a full degree or 30 credits in a coherent sequence of courses in the subject area.

Also allows credits to be taken at a career-focused institution, in addition to a regionally accredited college or university.

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.3(b)2.i. Grade Point Average flexibility

Eliminate the graduation date restriction on the use of employment experience for GPA flexibility



Proposed Amendments Cont'd.

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.3(f)

CTE Teacher Bridge

Pilot Program

Establish a pilot program for a CTE Teacher Bridge pathway for teachers who currently hold a standard instructional certificate in a content area to qualify for a CTE endorsement.

Interested, qualified teachers earn their endorsement by participating in an industry externship over two consecutive summers and co-teaching with a certified CTE teacher for two years.



Questions?















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