



## What's Required to be a CTE Teacher?

There are several ways to become a certified CTE instructor and they vary by state. See the state guidelines outlined later in this document to see how each works in your state.

- The traditional route is to major in the overall service content area in education. (Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Agriculture Education, Industrial Technology Education, Business Education and possibly STEM). See the lists below of where those programs are offered in each state. Once you graduate, you would likely qualify for a license in the state the university is located and often, there are reciprocal agreements in our contingent states for licensing with few additional requirements.
- Some states allow an already licensed educator to add an endorsement area by taking additional courses and/or testing.
- Alternative and Teacher internship licenses are another type of license that varies by state. They often require that the individual has a related four-year degree and then they take some specialized education classes to be able to obtain licensing.
- The final way to become a CTE educator does not always require a four-year degree, but a required number of hours experience within the industry that you wish to teach.

### **National Teacher Preparation Programs by Certification areas:**

#### **Agriculture Education:**

[National Teach Ag Campaign - Find a College](#)

#### **Family and Consumer Sciences:**

[FCS Education University Programs](#)

### **Funding your education**

Federal [TEACH grant](#) to help fund your degree. [Federal Student Aid Teacher Loan Forgiveness](#)



# Certifications offered by State

## Illinois

[How to Get a Teaching License in Illinois](#)

[Illinois Career and Technical Educator Licensure](#)

[Educator License Requirements](#)

[Educator Licensure - isbe.net](#)

[Licensure Message Center](#)

[Directory of Approved Programs](#) in Illinois for Agricultural Education (6-12), Business Marketing Communications (9-12), Business, Marketing, and Computer Education (6-12), Family and Consumer Science (6-12), Technology Education (Industrial Arts) (6-12)

Filter checks: Program type -Teaching

Grade levels - Grade 6 - Grade 12 AND Grade 9 - Grade 12

Programs - (check the program for the above approval area)

Troops to Teachers [Illinois](#)

## Indiana

[How to Get Teaching License in Indiana](#)

[What Can I Teach with My License?](#)

[DOE: Educator Preparation Programs \(EPPs\)](#)

[DOE: Approved Transition to Teaching Programs](#)

[Required Tests for Indiana CORE Assessments for Educator Licensure](#)

Troops to Teachers [Indiana](#)



# Certifications offered by State

## Iowa

[How to Get a Teaching License in Iowa](#) and [Iowa Board of Educational Examiners](#)

[Endorsements Menu | Iowa Board of Educational Examiners](#) for 5-12 Agriculture, 5-12 Business-All, 5-12 Family and Consumer Sciences General, 5-12 Industrial Technology, 5-12 CTE Information Technology, 5-12 Multi Occupations (*Universities listed with approved programs in these areas and a checklist for those wishing to add an endorsement to an existing license.*)

[Initial Career and Technical Authorization | Iowa Board of Educational Examiners](#)

- For those coming from industry or an alternative license for those seeking to teach in a CTE area from a pathway in the above certifications (*MUST HAVE A JOB OFFER TO USE THIS OPTION*).

[Teacher Intern License](#) Click the following for specific program

[Regents Alternative Pathway to Iowa Licensure \(RAPIL\)](#) or [Morningside](#)

[Troops to Teachers Iowa](#)

## Minnesota

[Getting Your Teacher License in Minnesota](#)

[Minnesota's Tiered Licensure Structure](#): In 2018, Minnesota transitioned to a Four-Tiered Licensure structure which allows for varying degrees of experience, education, credentials, etc as pathways to a teaching license. Career and Technical Education licenses have specific carve-outs in the tiered licensure structure in Minnesota that allows for the primary entry point to a license to be a relevant professional credential, associate's degree in content area, or five years of relevant work experience rather than a baccalaureate degree for all other licensure fields.

[Recommended Professional Certifications and Associate Degrees](#) for teaching CTE in MN. This list is used as the entry point for licensure as the essential equivalent in lieu of a baccalaureate degree. Includes broad licensure areas in Agriculture Education, Business, and Family & Consumer Science. Also listed are "career" licenses that are more career specific as well as "career pathway" licenses. This document includes applicable professional certifications and applicable Associate's degree for each career license.

[Minnesota Teacher and Related Services Licensure Fields](#) endorsement and course list

[Licensure via Portfolio /Minnesota](#) - Licensure via portfolio is a pathway to obtain either an initial license or an additional license in Minnesota.



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[Approved preparation programs in Minnesota](#) Can be sorted by the program areas listed in the broad licensure areas listed above.

There are 3 types of Teacher Preparation Providers in Minnesota:

1. **Conventional teacher preparation programs** - programs that reside in colleges or universities that are offered through traditional means
2. **Non-conventional teacher preparation programs** - programs that reside in colleges or universities that are offered through some sort of non-traditional means - meaning there may be a residency requirement, or perhaps there is some online components
3. **Alternative teacher preparation programs** - programs that are not in colleges or universities; they can only reside in school districts, charter schools, or education-related non-profits, and their programming is oftentimes non-traditional in their design.

Troops to Teachers [Minnesota](#)

Funding your teacher preparation in Minnesota - [Financial assistance / Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board \(PELSB\)](#)

## Missouri

[How to Get a Teaching License in Missouri](#)

[Career Education Teachers | Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

[Become Certified Career Education Teacher | Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

[Matrix/Matrices List for Educator Preparation Programs | Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#) Includes degree requirements for 9-12 Agriculture Education, 9-12 Business Education, 9-12 Marketing, 9-12 Technology and Engineering, K-12 Family and Consumer Sciences (See: [Programs of Study](#) offered in Missouri)

[Career and Technology Education, Undergraduate Certificate](#)

Troops to Teachers [Missouri](#)



# Certifications offered by State

## Wisconsin

[How to Get a Teaching License in Wisconsin](#)

[The Wisconsin Teaching and Certification Resource](#)

[Educator Licensing General Information | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#)

[Initial Teaching License | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#)

[Technology Education Pathways to Licensure | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#)

[License Based on Equivalency Pathway | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#)

[Approved Educator Preparation Programs | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#) for Agriculture, Business Education, Family and Consumer Education, Marketing Education, and Technology Education

Troops to Teachers [Wisconsin](#)

General information on teaching licenses and more from Teach.org:

[Where We Work](#)

[9 reasons to apply to a teaching program yesterday](#)