



Secondary CTE Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Applicant

Legal name

Date:

Requirements

Hold a bachelor's degree in any discipline of agriculture **OR** hold a valid Colorado teacher or alternative teacher license in any secondary (7-12) endorsement area. *(Note to alternative candidates: If you do not successfully complete the alternative program and obtain an initial teacher license, this CTE authorization will be expired as of the date you discontinue the program.)*

AND meet the requirements listed in 1 and 2 below:

1. Content knowledge:

- 24 semester hours of related postsecondary coursework from a regionally accredited institution verified on an official transcript with a minimum of three semester hours in **four** of the areas listed in the table below
- OR**
- A passing score on the PRAXIS 5701 agriculture exam. An official score report must be submitted with the application.

2. Experience: (Credit may be given for student teaching up to 800 hours, in the content area, may be applied to either occupational or teaching experience):

- 2,000 hours of verified occupational experience in the content area within the last seven years
- OR**
- 3 years verified teaching experience in the content area within the last seven years (full-time is defined as 51% or more of a teaching schedule dedicated to teaching in the content area).

Content coursework (minimum of 3 semester hours in 4 of the areas)	Coursework	Semester Hours
Animal science		
Plant science		
Agribusiness systems		
Environmental and natural resources systems		
Power, structural and technical systems		
Food products and processing		
Total semester hours (24 semester hours required)		

Up to a maximum of 6 semester hours of professional development may be applied toward coursework requirements and must be documented in the application. (15 contact hours = 1 semester hour)

Note: Initial (three-year) CTE authorizations cannot be renewed and always include mandatory CTE coursework assigned at the time of issuance. You will be notified by CDE via email of all required coursework that is needed to advance to a professional (five-year) CTE authorization. Please do not enroll in coursework related to this CTE authorization until you have been notified by the Colorado Department of Education.