



TURN YOUR EXPERTISE INTO IMPACT: BECOME A CTE TEACHER!

Are you ready to shape the future workforce? Career Technical Education (CTE) allows industry professionals like you to bring real-world experience into the classroom, helping students of all ages gain the skills they need for success in today's in-demand careers.

WHY TEACH CTE?

Share Your Expertise

Turn your industry knowledge into valuable lessons for students.

Create Lasting Impact

Inspire students to pursue rewarding careers and build essential skills.

Stay Connected To Your Field

Teach what you love while guiding students toward exciting careers.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR A PRELIMINARY CTE CREDENTIAL

Meet The Education Requirement

STEP 01

Provide proof of a high school diploma or equivalent (GED)

Submit College Transcripts

STEP 02

- AA, BA or higher
- Foreign diploma (evaluated by a CTC-approved organization)

Verify Your Industry Work Experience

STEP 03

1 year = 1,000 clock hours of full-time or part-time work

TIME REQUIREMENT

Provide documentation of 3 years of work experience directly related to the CTE industry sector(s) on your application. (Employee verification required)

- Must include:**
- 1 year within the last 5 years OR
 - 2 years within the last 10 years
- May include:**
- Full-time or part-time
 - Paid or unpaid roles

Alternate Work Experience Options

If needed, you can supplement your work experience with:

College Coursework

24 units = 1 year
48 units = 2 years

Vocational Training

Post-secondary vocational education

Advanced Certifications/Licenses

Maximum of 1 year

General Education Teaching

1 year of K-12 teaching experience

*Note: College coursework must be verified with official transcripts.
At least 1 year of actual work experience required for the three-year preliminary credential.*

READY TO APPLY?

Email CTE Credentials to receive the initial forms and detailed steps to start your Preliminary CTE Credential application process CTE-CREDENTIALS@FCOE.ORG