



CTE Credential Program

Welcome Letter

Welcome to the Designated Subjects Career Technical Education (DS CTE) Credential Program!

We're excited that you're considering a career in Career Technical Education (CTE), and we appreciate your interest in our program. The Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) is an approved Program Sponsor through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) for the Designated Subjects (DS) CTE Credential.

This credential opens the door for you to teach career technical, trade, or vocational courses to K-12 students and adults in public schools and training programs. The **Preliminary DS CTE Credential** is issued for three years and authorizes instruction in one or more subjects within the industry sector(s) named on your credential. [Click here to view the list of CTE Industry Sectors and Pathways.](#)

How Your Teaching Assignment is Determined

Your employing schools district is responsible for determining the subjects you are qualified to teach. This decision is based on:

- The CTE industry sector listed on your credential
- Your industry work experience
- Your educational background
- Needs of the site/district

Getting Started: Pre-Screening & Application Process

To begin, you'll need to complete the **Pre-Screening Process**, which helps us determine your eligibility for the credential. This includes submitting documentation of your work experience, education, and other credential requirements.

Here are your next steps:

1. **Review and Complete the Pre-Screening Checklist** – This outlines all required documents and forms.
2. **Gather Supporting Documents** – This includes transcripts, employment verification, and applicable certifications.
3. **Submit Your Packet** – Ensure all materials are complete before submission to avoid processing delays.

[Click here](#) to review the Pre-Screening Checklist carefully **before** filling out and submitting your forms.

We're here to support you throughout the credentialing process. If you have questions or need assistance at any point, please don't hesitate to contact our Credentialing Team.