R7-2-612.01. Standard Specialized Career and Technical Education (CTE) Certificates – grades K-12

A. Standard Specialized CTE certificates are subject to the general certification provisions in R7-2-607 and the renewal requirements in R7-2-619.

B. The certificate is valid for eight years.

1. The holder is qualified to teach CTE Agriculture, CTE Business and Marketing, CTE Education and Training, CTE Family and Consumer Sciences, CTE Health Careers, or CTE Industrial and Emerging Technologies as specified on the certificate in an area that is specified on the certificate relating to a CTE program approved by the Arizona Department of Education as described in Guidance on CTE Teacher Certification which is on file with the Arizona Department of Education.

2. The requirements are:
   a. A valid fingerprint clearance card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.
   b. Demonstration of expertise in the specified CTE area through one of the following:
      i. A Bachelor’s or more advanced degree, master’s or doctoral degree in the specified CTE area; or
      ii. A Bachelor’s or more advanced degree and completion of twenty-four semester hours of coursework in the specified CTE area; or
      iii. An Associate’s degree in the specified CTE area; or
      iv. An industry certification, license, or credential in the specified CTE area approved by the appropriate Department of Education Career and Technical Education Program Specialist or Career and Technical Education Program Services Director; or
      v. Verified teaching experience for the last two consecutive years, and for a total of at least three years at one or more accredited postsecondary institutions in a subject that is specific to the CTE course being taught.
   c. Verification of five years of work experience in the specified CTE occupational area.

4. An individual who meets the requirements of this section is exempt from the competency requirements of the United States and Arizona Constitutions, the professional knowledge and subject knowledge portions of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessments, and structured English immersion endorsement requirements.