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## 290-3-2-.23 Career and Technical Level Certificate Approach in Technical Education.

- (1) General Requirements for a Career and Technical Level Certificate in Technical Education. Issuance of these certificates is being phased out. See requirements for each certificate for the specific date by which applications must be received in the Office. Also see Rule 290-3-2-.24 Career and Technical Specialty Area Certificate in Technical Education. A Career and Technical Level Certificate in technical education may be issued when all general requirements and specific requirements for the subject area are met. The general requirements are:
- (a) A criminal history background check as required by the Alabama Child Protection Act of 1999, as amended, and Rule 290-3-2-.02(9).
- (b) Completion of all requirements prior to September 1 for a certificate bearing a July 1 effective date of a given year.
  - (c) Approval of the State Director of Career and Technical Education.

# (2) Specific Requirements for the Issuance of a Career and Technical Level Certificate in Technical Education.

(a) Type, Degree Equivalency, Valid Period, and Renewability.

Type	Degree Equivalency	Valid Period	Renewable
Level 1	Bachelor's	3 years	No
Level 2	Bachelor's	5 years	No
Level 3	Master's	5 years	Yes
Level 4	Master's	5 years	Yes
Level 5	Sixth-year	5 years	Yes
Type II*	Bachelor's	5 years	Yes
Type III*	Bachelor's	5 years	Yes

These certificates were initially issued on the basis of Rules in effect prior to July 1, 1997. These certificates may be continued but cannot be reinstated.

(b) Requirements for Issuance of a Level 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education. Issuance of these certificates is being phased out. See requirements for each certificate for the specific date by which applications must be received in the Office. Also see Rule 290-3-2-.24 Career and Technical Specialty Area Certificate in Technical Education.

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290-3-2-.23(2)(b)1.(iv)(II)

- 1. Issuance of a <u>Level 1</u> Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, which is valid for three years and is not renewable, was considered if the application was received in the Office prior to October 1, 2008. (If the application is received on or after October 1, 2008, the applicant must meet the requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.24(2)(b)1.) Issuance of the Level 1 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education required <u>all</u> of the following:
- (i) A recommendation on Form CT from a superintendent who wished to employ the applicant in the area in which the certificate was sought.
- (ii) Documentation of education and work experience through <u>one</u> of the following options:
- (I) Official transcript verifying graduation from high school or completion of the equivalent of a high school diploma and a minimum of 14,000 clock hours (seven years) of acceptable full-time work experience in business and industry within the past ten years as a wage earner in the technical area that is to be taught.
- (II) Official transcript verifying completion of a postsecondary career and technical training program in the technical area that is to be taught and has 6,000 clock hours (three years) of acceptable full-time work experience in business and industry, within the seven years immediately preceding the receipt date of the application as a wage earner in the technical area that is to be taught.
- (iii) Cosmetology applicants must provide evidence of a valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license.
- (iv) After issuance of a Level 1 Career and Technical Certificate, teachers assigned to programs or classes outside the approved program area must have submitted prior to October 1, 2008, <u>all</u> of the following credentials to the State Director of Career and Technical Education for evaluation and approval:
- (I) Documentation of education and work experience through <u>one</u> of the following options:
- I. Official transcript verifying graduation from an approved postsecondary career and technical training program in the technical area that is to be taught and documentation of 6,000 clock hours (three years) of acceptable full-time work experience, within the seven years immediately preceding the receipt date of the application as a wage earner in the technical area that will be taught.
- II. Written evidence of a minimum of 14,000 clock hours (seven years) of acceptable full-time work experience within the past ten years as a wage earner in the technical area that is to be taught and graduated from high school or completed the equivalent of a high school diploma.
- (II) Cosmetology applicants must provide evidence of a valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license.

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290-3-2-.23(2)(b)3.(ii)

- 2. Issuance of the <u>Level 2</u> Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, which is valid for five years and is not renewable, will be considered if the application is received in the Office on or prior to October 1, 2011. (If the application is received after October 1, 2011, the applicant must meet the requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.24(2)(b)1.) Issuance requires <u>all</u> of the following:
- (i) Eligibility to hold a Level 1 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education or hold a valid Type II or Type III Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (ii) Official transcript(s) verifying credit earned with a grade of "C" or above in each of the five courses stipulated below at a regionally accredited senior institution which has a state-approved teacher education program in career and technical education:
  - (I) Special needs in career and technical education.
  - (II) Course development and evaluation in career and technical education.
  - (III) Methods of teaching career and technical education.
  - (IV) Classroom/laboratory management in career and technical education.
  - (V) Learning resources and technology in career and technical education.
  - (iii) Completion of the appropriate Department-approved New Teacher Institute.
- (iv) Official documentation of a passing score on an Alabama State Board of Education approved occupational proficiency examination in the technical area that is to be taught.
- (v) Cosmetology applicants must provide evidence of a valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license.
- 3. The Level 3 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, which is valid for five years and may be continued or reinstated, will be considered if the application is received in the Office on or prior to October 1, 2011. (If the application is received in the Office after October 1, 2011, the applicant must meet the requirements for the Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.24(2)(b)3. Issuance of the Level 3 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education requires all of the following:
- (i) Eligibility to hold the Level 2 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (ii) Official transcript(s) verifying at least 45 semester hours of credit with a grade of "C" or above in the following coursework at a regionally accredited institution.

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(I) Required courses.

Required Courses	Number of Courses
English (not remedial level)	2
Principles of Career and Technical Education*	
Safety*	
Career and Technical Student Organizations*	
Speech	
History	
Computer Applications	
Mathematics (not remedial level)	1
Physical Science	
Economics	
These courses must be taken at a regionally and it is	

<sup>\*</sup>These courses must be taken at a regionally accredited senior institution which has a State-approved/state-approved teacher education program in technical education (grades 6-12).

- (II) Elective courses. Official transcript(s) verifying credit earned for additional electives from a State-approved/state-approved teacher education program in technical education (grades 6-12) to complete the total 45 semester hours.
- (III) Credit earned to meet the Level 2 Career and Technical Certificate cannot be applied toward the Level 3 Career and Technical Certificate.
- (iii) Cosmetology applicants must provide evidence of a valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license.
- 4. The <u>Level 4</u> Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, which is valid for five years and may be continued or reinstated, will be considered if the application is received in the Office on or prior to October 1, 2011. (If the application is received in the Office after October 1, 2011, the applicant must meet the requirements for the Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.24(2)(b)4.) Issuance of the Level 4 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education requires <u>all</u> of the following:
  - (i) Eligibility to hold a Level 3 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (ii) Completion of a State-approved teacher education program in technical education (Grades 6-12) at the bachelor's degree level verified on Supplement NAL or a valid professional certificate issued by another state or DoDEA in technical education (Grades 6-12) minimally at the bachelor's degree level verified with submission of the Supplement CER or the original certificate.
- (iii) Cosmetology applicants must provide evidence of a valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license.
- 5. The Level 5 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, which is valid for five years and may be continued or reinstated, will be considered if the application is received in the Office on or prior to October 1, 2011. (If the application is received in the Office after October 1, 2011, the applicant must meet the requirements for the Specialty Area 5 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.24(2)(b)5.) Issuance of the Level 5 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education requires all of the following:

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- (i) Eligibility to hold a Level 4 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (ii) Completion of State-approved teacher education program in technical education (Grades 6-12) at the master's degree level verified on Supplement NAL or a valid professional certificate issued by another state or DoDEA in technical education (Grades 6-12) at the master's degree level verified with submission of the Supplement CER or the original certificate.
- (iii) Cosmetology applicants must provide evidence of a valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license.

# (3) Conversion of Types to Levels or Specialty Areas.

- (a) An applicant holding a valid Type II or Type III Career and Technical Certificate in technical education who is seeking a higher level Career and Technical Certificate in technical education must meet the requirements for either:
- 1. The Level 2 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education (see Rule 290-3-2-.23(2)(b)2. for additional information); or
- 2. The Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education (see Rule 290-3-2-.24 for additional information.)
- (b) An applicant holding an expired Type II or Type III Career and Technical Certificate in technical education who is seeking a current Career and Technical Certificate in technical education must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education. See Rule 290-3-2-.24 for additional information.
- (c) Type I Career and Technical Certificates in technical education were issued on the basis of the Rules in effect prior to July 1, 1997. Prior to January 1, 2008, at the request of the certificate holder, a valid Type I Career and Technical Certificate was converted to the appropriate Level 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate as determined by the State Director of Career and Technical Education. Type I Career and Technical Certificates in technical education cannot be renewed. An individual holding an expired Type I Career and Technical Certificate in technical education who is seeking a current Career and Technical Certificate in technical education must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education. See Rule 290-3-2-.24 for additional information.

# (4) Conversion of Levels to Specialty Areas.

(a) Upon application to the Office and approval by the State Director of Career and Technical Education, an applicant holding a valid Level 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, issued on the basis of Rules in effect prior to October 1, 2008, may be issued the appropriate Specialty Area 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.

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- (b) A valid Level 2 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education may be used as a prerequisite for a Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (c) A valid Level 3 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education may be used as a prerequisite for a Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (d) A valid Level 4 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education may be used as a prerequisite for a Specialty Area 5 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (e) An expired Level 1 or Level 2 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education cannot be reinstated. An applicant holding an expired Level 1 or Level 2 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, who is seeking a current Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (5) Valid Period. Information about the valid periods of Career and Technical Level Certificates in technical education is in the chart in Rule 290-3-2-.23(2)(a).
- (6) Documentation of Self-Employment. Verification of self-employment must include:
  - (a) Form CT.
- (b) Form CT EV accompanied by a notarized cover letter on company stationery, a copy of each business license held during the verification period, and notarized letters from three individual and/or companies with which business or work transactions occurred during the verification period.

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290-3-2-.24(2)(b)1.(ii)

# 290-3-2-.24 <u>Career and Technical Specialty Area Certificate Approach in Technical Education.</u>

- (1) General Requirements for a Career and Technical Specialty Area Certificate in Technical Education. A Career and Technical Specialty Area Certificate in technical education may be issued when all general requirements and specific requirements for the subject area are met. The general requirements are:
- (a) A criminal history background check as required by the Alabama Child Protection Act of 1999, as amended, and Rule 290-3-2-.02(9).
- (b) Completion of all requirements prior to September 1 for a certificate bearing a July 1 effective date of a given year.
  - (c) Approval of the State Director of Career and Technical Education.
- (2) Specific Requirements for the Issuance of a Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in Technical Education for Applications Received in the Office on or after October 1, 2008.

(a) Type, Degree Equivalency, Valid Period, and Renewability.

Туре	Degree Equivalency	Valid Period	Renewable
Specialty Area 1	Bachelor's	3 years	No
Specialty Area 2	Bachelor's	5 years	No
Specialty Area 3	Master's	5 years	Yes
Specialty Area 4	Master's	5 years	Yes
Specialty Area 5	Sixth-year	5 years	Yes
Type II*	Bachelor's	5 years	Yes
Type III*	Bachelor's	5 years	Yes

<sup>\*</sup>These certificates were initially issued on the basis of Rules in effect prior to July 1, 1997. These certificates may be continued but cannot be reinstated.

- (b) Requirements for Issuance of a Specialty Area 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- 1. Issuance of a <u>Specialty Area 1</u> Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, which is valid for three years and is not renewable, requires:
- (i) A recommendation on Form CT from a superintendent who wishes to employ the applicant in the program area in which the certificate is sought.
- (ii) Documentation of education and work experience through <u>one</u> of the following options:

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- (I) Official transcript verifying graduation from high school or completion of the equivalent of a high school diploma and Form CT EV verifying a minimum of 14,000 clock hours (seven years) of acceptable full-time work experience in business and industry, within the ten years immediately preceding the receipt date of the application, in a compensated position in the program area that is to be taught.
- (II) Official transcript from a regionally accredited postsecondary institution verifying completion of a career and technical certificate program in the program area that is to be taught and Form CT EV verifying 10,000 clock hours (five years) of acceptable full-time work experience in business and industry, within the seven years immediately preceding the receipt date of the application, in a compensated position in the program area that is to be taught.
- (III) Official transcript from a regionally accredited institution verifying an earned associate's degree in the program area that is to be taught and Form CT EV verifying 6,000 clock hours (three years) of acceptable full-time work experience in business and industry, within the seven years immediately preceding the receipt date of the application, in a compensated position in the program area that is to be taught.
- (iii) Official documentation of a passing score on the Alabama State Board of Education approved occupational proficiency examination in the program area that is to be taught.
- (iv) Cosmetology applicants must provide evidence of a valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license.
- (v) After issuance of a first Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate, teachers assigned to programs or classes outside the approved program area must submit all the following credentials to the State Director of Career and Technical Education for evaluation and approval:
- (I) Documentation of education and work experience through <u>one</u> of the following options:
- I. Official transcript verifying graduation from high school or completion of the equivalent of a high school diploma and Form CT EV verifying a minimum of 14,000 clock hours (seven years) of acceptable full-time work experience in business and industry, within the past ten years immediately preceding the receipt date of the application, in a compensated position in the program area that is to be taught.
- II. Official transcript from a regionally accredited postsecondary institution verifying completion of a career and technical certificate program in the program area that is to be taught and Form CT EV verifying 10,000 clock hours (five years) of acceptable full-time work experience in business and industry, within the seven years immediately preceding the receipt date of the application, in a compensated position in the program area that is to be taught.

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- III. Official transcript from a regionally accredited institution verifying an earned an associate's in the program area that is to be taught and Form CT EV verifying 6,000 clock hours (three years) of acceptable full-time work experience in business and industry, within the seven years immediately preceding the receipt date of the application, in a compensated position in the program area that is to be taught.
- (II) Official documentation of a passing score on the Alabama State Board of Education approved occupational proficiency examination in the program area that is to be taught.
- (III) Cosmetology applicants must provide evidence of a valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license.
- 2. Issuance of the <u>Specialty Area 2</u> Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, which is valid for five years and is not renewable, requires:
- (i) Eligibility to hold a Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (ii) Official transcript(s) verifying credit earned with a grade of "C" or above in each of the five courses stipulated below at a regionally accredited senior institution which has a state-approved teacher education program in technical education:
  - (I) Special needs in career and technical education.
  - (II) Course development and evaluation in career and technical education.
  - (III) Methods of teaching career and technical education.
  - (IV) Classroom/laboratory management in career and technical education.
  - (V) Learning resources and technology in career and technical education.
  - (iii) Completion of the appropriate Department-approved New Teacher Institute.
- (iv) Cosmetology applicants must provide evidence of a valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license.

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- 3. The <u>Specialty Area 3</u> Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, which is valid for five years and is renewable, requires <u>all</u> of the following:
- (i) Eligibility to hold a Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education or hold a valid Level 2 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (ii) Official transcript(s) from a regionally accredited institution verifying at least 45 semester hours of credit with a grade of "C" or above in the following coursework:

(I) Required courses.

Required Courses	Number of Courses
English (not remedial level)	1 value of Courses
Principles of Career and Technical Education*	
Safety*	
Career and Technical Student Organizations*	
Speech	
History	
Computer Applications	
Mathematics (not remedial level)	
Physical Science	
Economics	
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<sup>\*</sup>These courses must be taken at a regionally accredited senior institution which has a State-approved/state-approved teacher education program in technical education (grades 6-12).

- (II) Elective courses. Official transcript(s) verifying credit earned for additional electives from a State-approved/state-approved teacher education program in technical education (grades 6-12) to complete the total 45 semester hours.
- (III) Credit earned to meet the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate cannot be applied toward the Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate.
- (iii) Cosmetology applicants must provide evidence of a valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license.
- 4. The <u>Specialty Area 4</u> Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, which is valid for five years and is renewable, requires:
- (i) Eligibility to hold a Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education or hold a valid Level 3 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (ii) Completion of a State-approved teacher education program in technical education (Grades 6-12) at the bachelor's degree level verified on Supplement NAL or a valid professional certificate issued by another state or DoDEA in technical education (Grades 6-12) minimally at the bachelor's degree level verified with submission of the Supplement CER or the original certificate.
- (iii) Cosmetology applicants must provide evidence of a valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license.

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- 5. The Specialty Area 5 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, which is valid for five years and is renewable, requires:
- (i) Eligibility to hold a Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education or hold a valid Level 4 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (ii) Completion of State-approved teacher education program in technical education (Grades 6-12) at the master's degree level verified on Supplement NAL or a valid professional certificate issued by another state or DoDEA in technical education (Grades 6-12) at the master's degree level verified with submission of the Supplement CER or the original certificate.
- (iii) Cosmetology applicants must provide evidence of a valid Alabama Cosmetology Instructor license.

# (3) Conversion of Types to Specialty Areas.

- (a) An applicant holding a valid Type II or III Career and Technical Certificate in technical education who is seeking a higher level Career and Technical Certificate shall meet the requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education as a prerequisite to Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificates in technical education. See Rule 290-3-2-.23(3)(a) for information on converting a valid Type II or III Career and Technical Certificate in technical education to a Level Certificate.
- (b) An applicant holding an expired Type II or Type III Career and Technical Certificate in technical education who is seeking a current Career and Technical Certificate in technical education must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (c) Type I Career and Technical Certificates in technical education were issued on the basis of the Rules in effect prior to July 1, 1997. Prior to January 1, 2008, at the request of the certificate holder, a valid Type I Career and Technical Certificate was converted to the appropriate Level 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate as determined by the State Director of Career and Technical Education. Type I Career and Technical Certificates in technical education cannot be renewed. An individual holding an expired Type I Career and Technical Certificate in technical education who is seeking a current Career and Technical Certificate in technical education must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.

## (4) Conversion of Levels to Specialty Areas.

(a) Upon application to the Office and approval by the State Director of Career and Technical Education, an applicant holding a valid Level 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, issued on the basis of Rules in effect prior to October 1, 2008, may be issued the appropriate Specialty Area 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.

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- (b) A valid Level 2 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education may be used as a prerequisite for a Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (c) A valid Level 3 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education may be used as a prerequisite for a Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (d) A valid Level 4 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education may be used as a prerequisite for a Specialty Area 5 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (e) An expired Level 1 or Level 2 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education cannot be reinstated. An applicant holding an expired Level 1 or Level 2 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, who is seeking a current Career and Technical Certificate in technical education, must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in technical education.
- (5) Valid Period. Information about the valid periods of Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificates in technical education is in the chart in Rule 290-3-2-.24(2)(a).
- (6) Documentation of Self-Employment. Verification of self-employment must include:
  - (a) Form CT.
- (b) Form CT EV accompanied by a notarized cover letter on company stationery, a copy of each business license held during the verification period, and notarized letters from three individuals and/or companies with which business or work transactions occurred during the verification period.

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## TEACHER CERTIFICATION

290-3-2-.25(2)(b)

## 290-3-2-.25 Career and Technical Level Certificate Approach in Health Science.

- (1) General Requirements for a Career and Technical Level Certificate in Health Science. Issuance of these certificates is being phased out. See the requirements for each certificate for the specific date by which applications must be received in the Office. Also see Rule 290-3-2-.26 Career and Technical Specialty Area Certificate in Health Science. A Career and Technical Level Certificate in health science may be issued when all general requirements and specific requirements for the subject area are met. The general requirements are:
- (a) A criminal history background check as required by the Alabama Child Protection Act of 1999, as amended, and Rule 290-3-2-.02(9).
- (b) Completion of all requirements prior to September 1 for a certificate bearing a July 1 effective date of a given year.
  - (c) Approval of the State Director of Career and Technical Education.

# (2) Specific Requirements for the Issuance of a Career and Technical Level Certificate in Health Science.

(a) Type, Degree Equivalency, Valid Period, and Renewability.

Type	Degree Equivalency	Valid Period	Renewable
Level 1	Bachelor's	3 years	No
Level 2	Bachelor's	3 years	No
Level 3	Master's	3 years	No
Level 4	Master's	5 years	Yes
Level 5	Sixth-year	5 years	Yes
Type II*	Bachelor's	5 years	Yes
Type III*	Bachelor's	5 years	Yes

Type II and Type III Career and Technical Certificates were initially issued on the basis of Rules in effect prior to July 1, 1997. These certificates may be continued but cannot be reinstated.

(b) Requirements for the Issuance of a Level 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science. Issuance of these certificates is being phased out. See requirements for each certificate for the specific date by which applications must be received in the Office. Also see Rule 290-3-2-.26 Career and Technical Specialty Area Certificate in Health Science.

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290-3-2-.25(2)(b)2.(iii)(II)

- 1. Issuance of the <u>Level 1</u> Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for three years and is not renewable, was considered if the application was received in the Office prior to October 1, 2008. (If the application is received on or after October 1, 2008, the applicant must meet the requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.26(2)(b)1.) Issuance of the Level 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science required <u>all</u> of the following:
- (i) A recommendation on Form CT from a superintendent who wished to employ the applicant in the area for which the certificate was sought.
  - (ii) A valid Alabama license or certificate as a healthcare practitioner.
- (iii) Documentation of education and work experience. Applicants must have met one of the following:
- (I) Evidence of completion of a post-high school two-year healthcare training program, which resulted in the awarding of a diploma or certificate in a healthcare specialty, and verification of 14,000 clock hours (seven years) of acceptable full-time work experience, within the ten years immediately preceding the receipt date of the application, as a wage earner in the area of the valid license or certificate as a healthcare practitioner.
- (II) An official transcript verifying completion of an approved postsecondary healthcare training program and verification of 6,000 clock hours (three years) of acceptable full-time work experience, within the seven years immediately preceding the receipt date of the application, as a wage earner in the area of the valid license or certificate as a healthcare practitioner.
- 2. Issuance of the <u>Level 2</u> Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for three years and is not renewable, was considered if the application was received in the Office prior to October 1, 2008. (If the application is received on or after October 1, 2008, the applicant must meet the requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.26(2)(b)1.) Issuance of the Level 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science required <u>all</u> of the following:
- (i) A recommendation on Form CT from a superintendent who wished to employ the applicant in the area for which the certificate was sought.
  - (ii) A valid Alabama license or certificate as a healthcare practitioner.
- (iii) Documentation of education and work experience. Applicants must have met <u>all</u> of the following:
- (I) An official transcript verifying a minimum of an associate's degree in the area of the valid license or certificate as a healthcare practitioner.
- (II) Verification of 6,000 clock hours (three years) of acceptable full-time work experience, within the six years immediately preceding the submission date of the application, as a wage earner in the area of the valid license or certificate as a healthcare practitioner.

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## TEACHER CERTIFICATION

290-3-2-.25(2)(b)4.(iv)(V)

- 3. Issuance of the <u>Level 3</u> Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for three years and is not renewable, was considered if the application was received in the Office prior to October 1, 2008. (If the application is received on or after October 1, 2008, the applicant must meet the requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.26(2)(b)1.) Issuance of the Level 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science required <u>all</u> of the following:
- (i) A recommendation on Form CT from a superintendent who wished to employ the applicant in the area for which the certificate was sought.
  - (ii) A valid Alabama license or certificate as a healthcare practitioner.
- (iii) Documentation of education and working experience. Applicants must have met all of the following:
- (I) An official transcript verifying a minimum of a bachelor's degree in the area of the valid license or certificate as a healthcare practitioner.
- (II) Verification of 2,000 clock hours (one year) of acceptable full-time work experience, within the three years immediately preceding the receipt date of the application, as a wage earner in the area of the valid license or certificate as a healthcare practitioner.
- 4. Issuance of the <u>Level 4</u> Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for five years and is renewable, will be considered if the application is received in the Office on or prior to October 1, 2011. (If the application is received in the Office after October 1, 2011, the applicant must meet the requirements for the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.26(2)(b)2.). Issuance of the Level 4 Career and Technical Certificate in health science requires <u>all</u> of the following:
  - (i) Hold a Level 1, 2, or 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health-science.
  - (ii) A valid Alabama license or certificate as a healthcare practitioner.
  - (iii) Completion of the appropriate Department-approved New Teacher Institute.
- (iv) Official transcript(s) verifying earned credit, with a grade of C or above, in coursework prescribed below at a regionally accredited senior institution which as a state-approved teacher education program in career and technical education.
  - (I) Special needs in career and technical education.
  - (II) Course development and evaluation in career and technical education.
  - (III) Methods of teaching career and technical education.
  - (IV) Classroom/laboratory management in career and technical education.
  - (V) Learning resources and technology in career and technical education.

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- 5. The <u>Level 5</u> Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for five years and is renewable, will be considered if the application is received in the Office on or prior to October 1, 2011. (If the application is received in the Office after October 1, 2011, the applicant must meet the requirements for the Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.26(2)(b)3.) Issuance of the Level 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science requires <u>all</u> of the following:
  - (i) Eligibility to hold a Level 4 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.
  - (ii) A valid Alabama license or certificate as a healthcare practitioner.
- (iii) An earned master's degree in an area of career and technical education or in the area of the valid license or certificate as a healthcare practitioner.

# (3) Conversion of Types to Specialty Areas.

- (a) An applicant holding a valid Type II or Type III Career and Technical Certificate in health science seeking a higher level Career and Technical Level Certificate in health science must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science as a prerequisite to the Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, and 5 Career and Technical Certificates in health science. See Rule 290-3-2-.26 for additional information.
- (b) An applicant holding an expired Type II or Type III Career and Technical Certificate in health science who is seeking a higher level Career and Technical Certificate in health science must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science. See Rule 290-3-2-.26 for additional information.
- (c) Type I Career and Technical Certificates in health science were issued on the basis of the Rules in effect prior to July 1, 1997. Prior to January 1, 2008, at the request of the certificate holder, a valid Type I Career and Technical Certificate in health science was converted to the appropriate Level 4 or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science as determined by the State Director of Career and Technical Education. Type I Career and Technical Certificates in health science cannot be renewed. An individual holding an expired Type I Career and Technical Certificate in health science who is seeking a current Career and Technical Certificate in health science must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science. See Rule 290-3-2-.26 for additional information.

# (4) Conversion of Levels to Specialty Areas.

(a) Upon application to the Office and approval by the State Director of Career and Technical Education, an applicant holding a valid Level 4 or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, issued on the basis of Rules in effect prior to October 1, 2008, may be issued the appropriate Specialty Area 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science upon approval by the State Director of Career and Technical Education.

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- (b) A valid Level 1, 2, or 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science may be used as a prerequisite for a Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.
- (c) An expired Level 1, 2, or 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science cannot be reinstated. An applicant holding an expired Level 1, 2, or 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science who is seeking a current Career and Technical Certificate in health science must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.
- (5) Valid Period. Information about the valid periods of Career and Technical Level Certificates in health science is in the chart in Rule 290-3-2-.25(2)(a).

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290-3-2-.26(2)(b)1.(iii)

# 290-3-2-.26 <u>Career and Technical Specialty Area Certificate Approach in Health Science.</u>

- (1) General Requirements for a Career and Technical Specialty Area Certificate in Health Science. Issuance of a Career and Technical Specialty Area Certificate in health science may be issued when all general requirements and specific requirements for the subject area are met. The general requirements are:
- (a) A criminal history background check as required by the Alabama Child Protection Act of 1999, as amended, and Rule 290-3-2-.02(9).
- (b) Completion of all requirements prior to September 1 for a certificate bearing a July 1 effective date of a given year.
  - (c) Approval of the State Director of Career and Technical Education.

# (2) Specific Requirements for the Issuance of a Career and Technical Specialty Area Certificate in Health Science for Applications Received on or after October 1, 2008.

(a) Type, Degree Equivalency, Valid Period, and Renewability.

Туре	Degree Equivalency	Valid Period	Renewable
Specialty Area 1	Bachelor's	3 years	No
Specialty Area 2	Bachelor's	5 years	No
Specialty Area 3	Master's	5 years	Yes
Specialty Area 4	Master's	5 years	Yes
Specialty Area 5	Sixth-year	5 years	Yes
Type II*	Bachelor's	5 years	Yes
Type III*	Bachelor's	5 years	Yes

Type II and Type III Career and Technical Certificates were initially issued on the basis of Rules in effect prior to July 1, 1997. These certificates may be continued but cannot be reinstated.

- (b) Requirements for the Issuance of a Specialty Area 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.
- 1. Issuance of the <u>Specialty Area 1</u> Career and Technical Certificate in health science requires <u>all</u> of the following:
- (i) A recommendation on Form CT from a superintendent who wishes to employ the applicant in the area for which the certificate is sought.
- (ii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.
- (iii) Documentation of education and work experience. Applicants must meet <u>one</u> of the following:

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- (I) Official transcript from a regionally accredited postsecondary institution verifying an earned associate's degree in a healthcare area <u>and</u> Form CT EV, accompanied by a cover letter on company stationery, verifying 6,000 clock hours (three years) of acceptable full-time work experience as a practitioner in the healthcare industry, within the seven years immediately preceding the receipt date of the application in the Department.
- (II) Official transcript from a regionally accredited senior institution verifying an earned bachelor's or higher degree in a healthcare area <u>and</u> Form CT EV, accompanied by a cover letter on company stationery, verifying 2,000 clock hours (one year) of acceptable full-time work experience as a practitioner in the healthcare industry, within the three years immediately preceding the receipt date of the application in the Department.
  - (iv) Approval of the State Director of Career and Technical Education.
- 2. Issuance of the <u>Specialty Area 2</u> Career and Technical Certificate in health science requires <u>all</u> of the following:
- (i) Eligibility to hold either a Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science or hold a valid Level 1, 2, or 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.
- (ii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.
  - (iii) Completion of the appropriate Department-approved New Teacher Institute.
- (iv) Official transcript(s) verifying earned credit, with a grade of C or above, in coursework prescribed below at a regionally accredited senior institution which has a state-approved teacher education program in career and technical education.
  - (I) Special needs in career and technical education.
  - (II) Course development and evaluation in career and technical education.
  - (III) Methods of teaching career and technical education.
  - (IV) Classroom/laboratory management in career and technical education.
  - (V) Learning resources and technology in career and technical education.
- 3. Issuance of the <u>Specialty Area 3</u> Career and Technical Certificate in health science requires <u>all</u> of the following:
- (i) Eligibility to hold a Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.
- (ii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.
- (iii) Official transcript(s) from a regionally accredited institution verifying at least 45 semester hours of credit with a grade of "C" or above in the following coursework:

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(I) Required Courses.

Required Courses	Number of Courses
Principles of Career and Technical Education*	1
Safety*	1
Career and Technical Student Organizations*	
English (not remedial level)	1 2
Speech	1
History	1
Computer Applications	
Mathematics (not remedial level)	1
Biological Science	1
Economics	

<sup>\*</sup>These courses must be taken at a regionally accredited senior institution which has a State-approved/state-approved teacher education program in career and technical education (grades 6-12).

- (II) Elective courses. Official transcript(s) from a regionally accredited senior institution verifying credit earned in a program in a healthcare area to complete the total 45 semester hours.
- (III) Credit earned to meet the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate cannot be applied toward the Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate.
- 4. Issuance of the <u>Specialty Area 4</u> Career and Technical Certificate in health science requires <u>all</u> of the following:
- (i) Eligibility to hold a Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.
- (ii) Official transcript from a regionally accredited senior institution verifying an earned bachelor's degree in a healthcare area.
- (iii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.
- 5. The <u>Specialty Area 5</u> Career and Technical Certificate in health science requires <u>all</u> of the following:
- (i) Eligibility to hold a Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.
- (ii) Official transcript from a regionally accredited senior institution verifying an earned a master's or higher degree in a healthcare area.
- (iii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.

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## (3) Conversion of Types to Specialty Areas.

- (a) An individual holding a valid Type II or III Career and Technical Certificate in health science seeking a higher level Career and Technical Certificate in health science must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate as a prerequisite to the Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, and 5 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.
- (b) An applicant holding an expired Type I, II, or III Career and Technical Certificate in health science who is seeking a current Career and Technical Certificate in health science must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

# (4) Conversion of Levels to Specialty Areas.

- (a) Upon application to the Office and approval by the State Director of Career and Technical Education, an applicant holding a valid Level 4 or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, issued on the basis of Rules in effect prior to October 1, 2008, may be issued the appropriate Specialty Area 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.
- (b) A valid Level 1, 2, or 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science may be used as a prerequisite for a Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.
- (c) An expired Level 1, 2, and 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science cannot be reinstated. An applicant holding an expired Level 1, 2, or 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science who is seeking a current Career and Technical Certificate in health science must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.
- (5) Valid Period. Information about the valid periods of Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificates in health science is in the chart in Rule 290-3-2-.26(2)(a).

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