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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 290 Department or Agency State Department of Education  
Rule No. 290-3-2-.24  
Rule Title: Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in Health Science

New  Amend   
Repeal  Adopt by Reference  (Check appropriate box)

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

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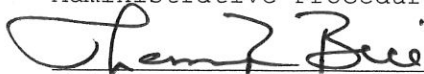
Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule does have an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama, 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama, 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

  
Thomas R. Bice  
State Superintendent of Education

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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AGENCY NAME: State Department of Education

RULE NO. & TITLE:

290-3-2-.02 Basic Principles

290-3-2-.03 Professional Educator Certificate and Professional Leadership Certificate

290-3-2-.15 Preliminary Certificate Approach: For Individuals Issued a First Preliminary Certificate Beginning with the 2011-2012 Scholastic Year and Thereafter

290-3-2-.16 Preliminary Certificate Through Exception in Reading Approach **(Repeal)** Preliminary Certificate Through Exception in Educational Administration Approach: For Individuals Issued a First Preliminary Certificate Through Exception in Educational Administration Beginning with the 2014-2015 Scholastic Year and Thereafter **(New)**

290-3-2-.17 Additional Teaching Field Approach Based on a Professional Educator Certificate, Experience, and a Test Score

290-3-2-.23 Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in a Technical Education Program Area Approach

290-3-2-.24 Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in Health Science Approach

290-3-2-.25 Career and Technical Education Additional Teaching Field Approach Based on a Professional Educator Certificate, Experience, and an Occupational Proficiency Assessment

290-3-2-.26 Career and Technical Education Temporary Certificate (CTE T)

290-3-2-.28 Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Certificate Approach

290-3-2-.29 Child Nutrition Program Director Certificate Approach

290-3-2-.30 Interim Certificate **(Repeal)** Additional Certification in Driver and Traffic Safety Education **(New)**

290-3-2-.31 Emergency Certificate

290-3-2-.32 Substitute Teacher License

290-3-2-.33 Renewal Requirements: Continuation or Reinstatement

290-3-2-.35 Certification Forms and Supplements

INTENDED ACTION: Repeal Rules and Adopt New Rules

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

As it pertains to Rules 290-3-2-.02, 290-3-2-.03, 290-3-2-.17, 290-3-2-.23, 290-3-2-.24, 290-3-2-.25, 290-3-2-.26, 290-3-2-.28, 290-3-2-.29, 290-3-2-.31, 290-3-2-.32, and 290-3-2-.33, to change the certificate beginning valid period to be effective on the date of issuance.

As it pertains to Rule 290-3-2-.16, to delete the Preliminary Certificate Through Exception in Reading Approach.

As it pertains to Rule 290-3-2-.16, to create an alternative certification approach for individuals who do not meet the administrative experience requirement when applying through the Certificate and Experience Reciprocity Certification Approach.

As it pertains to Rules 290-3-2-.15 and 290-3-2-.17, to delete the Driver and Traffic Safety Education certification approaches which require testing.

As it pertains to Rule 290-3-2-.30, to delete the Interim Certificate.

As it pertains to Rule 290-3-2-.30, to create a new Driver and Traffic Safety Education certification approach.

As it pertains to Rule 290-3-2-.35, to update and add new application forms.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m., January 8, 2014, Auditorium, Plaza Level, Gordon Persons Building, 50 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama. All persons wishing to express their views should contact the State Superintendent of Education (334-242-9700) no later than December 30, 2013, in order to be scheduled on the agenda. All persons wishing to express their views in writing to the State Superintendent of Education should address all written comments to the State Superintendent of Education, Gordon Persons Building, P.O. Box 302101, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: January 8, 2014

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State Superintendent of Education

**290-3-2-.24 Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in Health Science Approach.**

(1) **General Requirements for a Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in Health Science.** A Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in health science may be issued when all general requirements and specific requirements for the program area of health science 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) 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 Health Science.**

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

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

\*Renewable Career and Technical Certificates issued beginning December 2013 are valid from the date of issuance through the remainder of the same scholastic year, and thereafter, for the next five consecutive scholastic years.

\*\*Specialty Area 1 Certificates issued with a valid period beginning prior to July 1, 2013, were valid for 3 years. Specialty Area 1 Certificates issued with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter are valid for 2 years.

\*\*\*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 Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, which is valid for two years and is not renewable, requires all of the following to be completed prior to September 1 of the scholastic year the certificate is to become valid:

- (i) A recommendation on Form CT from a superintendent who wishes to employ the applicant to teach in the program area of health science.
- (ii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.

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(iii) Documentation of education and work experience through one of the following options:

(I) Official transcript(s) verifying an earned associate's degree in a healthcare area from a postsecondary institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned and verification of having attained, within the seven years immediately preceding September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid, a minimum of 6,000 clock hours (three years) of acceptable full-time work experience as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.24(3).

(II) Official transcript(s) verifying an earned bachelor's or higher degree in a healthcare area from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned and verification of having attained, within the three years immediately preceding September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid, a minimum of 2,000 clock hours (one year) of acceptable full-time work experience as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.24(3).

(iv) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program (AECTP), formerly known as the Alabama Prospective Teacher Testing Program (APTTP), on a test administration date prior to September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid. This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Professional Educator Certificate or a valid Professional Leadership Certificate.

(v) Completion of the general requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.24(1).

2. Issuance of the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science requires all of the following:

(i) A valid, or eligibility to hold a valid, Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(ii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.

(iii) Completion of one of the following two options:

(I) **Option One.** Successful completion of the Career and Technical Education Teacher Certification Program (CTE TCP). This option is required for individuals holding a valid, or eligible to hold a valid, Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter.

(II) **Option Two.** If the valid Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate has a valid period beginning prior to July 1, 2013, completion of all of the following:

I. Successful completion of the appropriate Alabama Department of Education approved New Teacher Institute **OR** successful completion of the New Teacher Institute component of the CTE TCP.

II. Official transcript(s) verifying earned credit with a grade of "C" or above in each of the following three courses at an Alabama institution with State-approved teacher education programs.

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- A. Strategies for Teaching Special Needs Students in Inclusive Settings.
- B. The Evaluation of Teaching and Learning.
- C. Classroom Management

III. Official transcript(s) verifying earned credit with a grade of “C” or above in the following two courses at an Alabama institution with a State-approved teacher education program in a career and technical education teaching field:

- A. Methods of Teaching Career and Technical Education.
- B. Learning Resources and Technology in Career and Technical Education.

(iv) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the AECTP, formerly known as the APTTP.

(I) This requirement is effective if the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science is the applicant’s initial Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(II) This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate health science a valid Professional Educator Certificate, or a valid Professional Leadership Certificate.

- (v) Completion of the general requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.24(1).

3. Issuance of the Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science requires all of the following:

(i) A valid, or eligibility to hold a valid, 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) Completion of one of the following options:

(I) **Option One.** Official transcript(s) verifying at least 45 semester hours of earned credit, with a grade of “C” or above, at an institution that was regionally accredited at the time the credits were earned. The 45 semester hours include required courses and elective courses:

I. Required Courses.

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

\*These courses must be taken at an Alabama institution with a State-approved teacher education program in a career and technical education teaching field.

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II. Elective courses. Official transcript(s) verifying credit earned for additional electives to complete the total 45 semester hours. Electives must be completed at a regionally accredited senior institution in a program in a healthcare area.

(II) **Option Two.** Official transcript(s) verifying:

I. At least an earned bachelor's degree from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned.

II. Earned credit, with a grade of "C" or above, in the following three courses at an Alabama institution with a State-approved teacher education program in a career and technical education teaching field:

Required Courses	Number of Courses
Principles of Career and Technical Education	1
Safety	1
Career and Technical Student Organizations	1

(iv) Credit earned to meet requirements for the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate cannot be applied toward the Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate.

(v) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the AECTP, formerly known as the APTTP.

(I) This requirement is effective if the Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate health science is the applicant's initial Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(II) This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, a valid Professional Educator Certificate, or a valid Professional Leadership Certificate.

(vi) Completion of the general requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.24(1).

4. Issuance of the Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in health science requires all of the following:

(i) A valid, or eligibility to hold a valid, Specialty Area 3 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) verifying an earned bachelor's degree in a healthcare area from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned.

(iv) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the AECTP, formerly known as the APTTP.

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(I) This requirement is effective if the Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in health science is the applicant's initial Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(II) This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, a valid Professional Educator Certificate, or a valid Professional Leadership Certificate.

(v) Completion of the general requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.24(1).

5. Issuance of the Specialty Area 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science requires all of the following:

(i) A valid, or eligibility to hold a valid, Specialty Area 4 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) verifying an earned master's or higher degree in a healthcare area from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned.

(iv) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the AECTP, formerly known as the APTTP.

(I) This requirement is effective if the Specialty Area 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science is the applicant's initial Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(II) This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, a valid Professional Educator Certificate, or a valid Professional Leadership Certificate.

(v) Completion of the general requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.24(1).

**(3) Acceptable Full-Time Work Experience.** Acceptable full-time work experience must have been attained through one or more of the following:

(a) Work experience in the healthcare industry as an employee in a compensated position as a healthcare practitioner. The experience must be verified with submission of:

1. Supplement CTV; and

2. A notarized cover letter verifying the applicant's prior work experience. The cover letter must be on the employer's business/company stationery and must include at least a description of the nature of the business/company, a brief description of the scope and quality of the applicant's work history, and the original signature of the employer or owner of the business/company.

(b) Self-employment in the healthcare industry as a healthcare practitioner. The experience must be verified with submission of:

1. Supplement CTV; and



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2. 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.

(c) Teaching experience at the secondary and/or postsecondary level in health science. The experience must be verified on Supplement EXP.

**(4) Conversion of a Type Career and Technical Certificate to a Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate.**

(a) An applicant 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 in health science 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 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 as a prerequisite to Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.

(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 as a prerequisite to Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.

**(5) Conversion of a Level Career and Technical Certificate to a Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate.**

(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 may convert the Level Certificate to the appropriate Specialty Area 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

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(b) 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 as a prerequisite to Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.

(6) **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-.24(2)(a).

(7) **Implementation Information.**

(a) Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.

1. Prior to August 1, 2012, the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, valid for five years, was issued as a nonrenewable certificate.

2. Effective August 1, 2012, the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science may be renewed. Renewal requirements are prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.33.

**Author:** Dr. Thomas R. Bice

**Statutory Authority:** Ala. Const. Amend. 284, Ala. Code §§16-3-11, 16-23-1 and 16-23-2 (1975).

**History:** Adopted new, 8-4-08, effective 9-18-08; repealed and adopted new 12-9-10, effective 1-14-11; repealed and adopted new 6-14-12, effective 7-19-12; emergency Rule to amend filed 1-10-13; amended Rule adopted 3-14-13; effective 4-18-13; emergency Rule to amend filed 6-13-13; amended Rule adopted 8-8-13, effective 9-12-13; emergency Rule to repeal filed 11-14-13; repealed and adopted new \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

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**290-3-2-.24 Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in Health Science Approach.**

(1) **General Requirements for a Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in Health Science.** A Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in health science may be issued when all general requirements and specific requirements for the program area of health science 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 Health Science.**

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

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

\*Specialty Area 1 Certificates issued with a valid period beginning prior to July 1, 2013, were valid for 3 years. Specialty Area 1 Certificates issued with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter are valid for 2 years.

\*\* 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 Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, which is valid for two years and is not renewable, requires all of the following:

- (i) A recommendation on Form CT from a superintendent who wishes to employ the applicant to teach in the program area of health science.
- (ii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.

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(iii) Documentation of education and work experience through one of the following options:

(I) Official transcript(s) verifying an earned associate's degree in a healthcare area from a postsecondary institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned and verification of having attained, within the seven years immediately preceding September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid, a minimum of 6,000 clock hours (three years) of acceptable full-time work experience as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.24(3).

(II) Official transcript(s) verifying an earned bachelor's or higher degree in a healthcare area from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned and verification of having attained, within the three years immediately preceding September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid, a minimum of 2,000 clock hours (one year) of acceptable full-time work experience as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.24(3).

(iv) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program (AECTP), formerly known as the Alabama Prospective Teacher Testing Program (APTTP), on a test administration date prior to September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid.

(v) Completion of the general requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.24(1).

2. Issuance of the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for five years and is renewable, requires all of the following:

(i) A valid, or eligibility to hold a valid, Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(ii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.

(iii) Completion of one of the following two options:

(I) **Option One.** Successful completion of the Career and Technical Education Teacher Certification Program (CTE TCP). This option is required for individuals holding a valid, or eligible to hold a valid, Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter.

(II) **Option Two.** If the valid Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate has a valid period beginning prior to July 1, 2013, completion of all of the following:

I. Successful completion of the appropriate Alabama Department of Education approved New Teacher Institute **OR** successful completion of the New Teacher Institute component of the CTE TCP.

II. Official transcript(s) verifying earned credit with a grade of "C" or above in each of the following three courses at an Alabama institution with State-approved teacher education programs:

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- A. Strategies for Teaching Special Needs Students in Inclusive Settings.
- B. The Evaluation of Teaching and Learning.
- C. Classroom Management

III. Official transcript(s) verifying earned credit with a grade of “C” or above in the following two courses at an Alabama institution with a State-approved teacher education program in a career and technical education teaching field:

- A. Methods of Teaching Career and Technical Education.
- B. Learning Resources and Technology in Career and Technical Education.

(iv) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the AECTP, formerly known as the APTTP, on a test administration date prior to September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid.

(I) This requirement is effective if the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science is the applicant’s initial Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(II) This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate health science.

(v) Completion of the general requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.24(1).

3. Issuance of the Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for five years and is renewable, requires all of the following:

(i) A valid, or eligibility to hold a valid, 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) Completion of one of the following options:

(I) **Option One.** Official transcript(s) verifying at least 45 semester hours of earned credit, with a grade of “C” or above, at an institution that was regionally accredited at the time the credits were earned. The 45 semester hours include required courses and elective courses:

I. Required Courses.

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

\*These courses must be taken at an Alabama institution with a State-approved teacher education program in a career and technical education teaching field.

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II. Elective courses. Official transcript(s) verifying credit earned for additional electives to complete the total 45 semester hours. Electives must be completed at a regionally accredited senior institution in a program in a healthcare area.

(II) **Option Two.** Official transcript(s) verifying:

I. At least an earned bachelor's degree from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned.

II. Earned credit, with a grade of "C" or above, in the following three courses at an Alabama institution with a State-approved teacher education program in a career and technical education teaching field:

Required Courses	Number of Courses
Principles of Career and Technical Education	1
Safety	1
Career and Technical Student Organizations	1

(iv) Credit earned to meet requirements for the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate cannot be applied toward the Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate.

(v) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the AECTP, formerly known as the APTTP, on a test administration date prior to September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid.

(I) This requirement is effective if the Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate health science is the applicant's initial Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(II) This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(vi) Completion of the general requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.24(1).

4. Issuance of the Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for five years and is renewable, requires all of the following:

(i) A valid, or eligibility to hold a valid, Specialty Area 3 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) verifying an earned bachelor's degree in a healthcare area from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned.

(iv) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the AECTP, formerly known as the APTTP, on a test administration date prior to September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid.

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(I) This requirement is effective if the Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in health science is the applicant's initial Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(II) This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(v) Completion of the general requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.24(1).

5. Issuance of the Specialty Area 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for five years and is renewable, requires all of the following:

(i) A valid, or eligibility to hold a valid, Specialty Area 4 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) verifying an earned master's or higher degree in a healthcare area from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned.

(iv) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the AECTP, formerly known as the APTTP, on a test administration date prior to September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid.

(I) This requirement is effective if the Specialty Area 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science is the applicant's initial Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(II) This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(v) Completion of the general requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.24(1).

**(3) Acceptable Full-Time Work Experience.** Acceptable full-time work experience must have been attained through one or more of the following:

(a) Work experience in the healthcare industry as an employee in a compensated position as a healthcare practitioner. The experience must be verified with submission of:

1. Supplement CT EV; and

2. A notarized cover letter verifying the applicant's prior work experience. The cover letter must be on the employer's business/company stationery and must include at least a description of the nature of the business/company, a brief description of the scope and quality of the applicant's work history, and the original signature of the employer or owner of the business/company.

(b) Self-employment in the healthcare industry as a healthcare practitioner. The experience must be verified with submission of:

1. Supplement CT EV; and

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2. 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.

(c) Teaching experience at the secondary and/or postsecondary level in health science. The experience must be verified on Supplement EXP.

**(4) Conversion of a Type Career and Technical Certificate to a Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate.**

(a) An applicant 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 in health science 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 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 as a prerequisite to Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.

(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 as a prerequisite to Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.

**(5) Conversion of a Level Career and Technical Certificate to a Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate.**

(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 may convert the Level Certificate to the appropriate Specialty Area 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.



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(b) 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 as a prerequisite to Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.

(6) **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-.24(2)(a).

(7) **Implementation Information.**

(a) Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.

1. Prior to August 1, 2012, the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, valid for five years, was issued as a nonrenewable certificate.

2. Effective August 1, 2012, the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, valid for five years, may be renewed. Renewal requirements are prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.33.

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290-3-2-.25 **Career and Technical Education Additional Teaching Field Approach Based on a Professional Educator Certificate, Experience, and an Occupational Proficiency Assessment.**

**(1) Overview.**

(a) An applicant who holds a valid Professional Educator Certificate in a teaching field as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.03(2) may be able to add a Class B certificate in a selected technical education program area or health science if the individual meets the experience and occupational proficiency assessment (test scores, license, or credential) requirements.

(b) The Career and Technical Additional Teaching Field approach is available only in the subjects and grade levels on Form CBP in effect on the date the application is received in the Office.

**(2) Limitations on Issuance.**

(a) The Career and Technical Education Additional Teaching Field approach is not available to an individual who holds only a Professional Educator Certificate in an area of instructional support or a Professional Leadership Certificate.

(b) The Career and Technical Education Additional Teaching Field approach is not available to an individual who holds only an Alternative Baccalaureate-Level, Career and Technical Alternative Baccalaureate-Level, Special Alternative, Preliminary, Career and Technical Specialty Area and/or Level and/or Type, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Interim, Emergency, or Career and Technical Education Temporary Certificate.

**(3) Requirements.**

(a) An applicant using this approach must verify two full scholastic years of full-time classroom teaching experience within a P-12 setting. Partial years cannot be combined to meet this requirement. Experience must be verified on Supplement EXP. Experience must be completed prior to September 1 in order for the certificate to begin validity July 1 of the same scholastic year.

(b) An applicant using this approach must verify a passing score on the appropriate Alabama Department of Education approved occupational proficiency assessment (test scores, license, or credential). The occupational proficiency assessment requirement must be completed by December 31 in order for the certificate to begin validity July 1 of the same scholastic year.

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**(4) Application for the Professional Educator Certificate.** The appropriate Class B Professional Educator Certificate may be issued through this approach when the applicant has met all of the following requirements:

(a) A valid Professional Educator Certificate in a teaching field as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.03(2).

(b) Supplement EXP documenting two full scholastic years of full-time classroom teaching experience as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.25(3)(a).

(c) A passing score on the appropriate Alabama Department of Education approved occupational proficiency assessment (test scores, license, or credential) as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.25(3)(b).

(d) Submission of Form CBP and completion of all requirements as prescribed on the form.

(e) The Form CBP must be received in the Office no later than December 31 in order for the certificate to begin validity July 1 of the same scholastic year.

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