COLORADO
Department of Education

Educator Talent Division
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Secondary CTE Early Childhood Education

Applicant

Legal name : Date:

Requirements

U.S. Service Member Applicants may meet content knowledge and experience requirements as follows:

- U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy or Space Force members: three or more years' active duty
- Guard/Reserves: 10 years' experience, or five years' experience with 12 months active-duty deployment
- Military Occupational Specialty (MOS), time of service and an honorable discharge must be verified on a DD-214 member copy 4 (submitted in application)

All other applicants must meet all requirements outlined in 1 and 2 below:

1. **Content Knowledge**

- 24 semester hours of related postsecondary coursework from a regionally accredited institution verified on an official transcript to include a minimum of three (3) semester hours of content coursework in ***each*** of the areas listed in the table below. **OR**
- Applicants who provide a valid and current state or national industry license or certification in the appropriate occupational area (e.g., Human Development and Family Studies (HD&FS) Concentration Examination, Colorado Department of Human Services early childhood teacher or director qualified) may have the content coursework waived by the Colorado Department of Education.

2. **Occupational Experience:**
Credit for student teaching (up to 800 hours) in the content area may be applied to either occupational or teaching experience.

- If you hold a bachelor's or higher degree: 2,000 hours of verified occupational (non-teaching) experience in the content area **OR**
- If you hold less than a bachelor's degree: 4,000 hours of verified occupational (non-teaching) experience in the content area **OR**
- Three (3) years' verified teaching experience in the content area (full-time is defined as 51% or more of a teaching schedule dedicated to teaching in the content area).

Content coursework (Min. of 3 semester hours in each of the areas)	Coursework	Semester Hours
Administration/management		
Human/early childhood development		
Nutrition/health/safety		
Individual/family relationships		
Total semester hours (24 semester hours required):		

Up to a maximum of six (6) semester hours of professional development may serve in lieu of coursework in the "content coursework" section above and must be documented within the application. (15 contact hours = 1 semester hour)