COLORADO
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Educator Talent Division
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Secondary CTE Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Applicant

Legal Name: Date:

Requirements

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

- Applicant has served in a branch of the military with an MOS **related** to the CTE credential listed above.
- The service member must also have served no less than 3 years of active duty (Guard/Reserves must have 10 years or 5 years with a total of 12 active related deployment months)under this MOS.
    - MOS, time of service, and an Honorable discharge must be verified on a DD-214 submitted with this application.

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

1. **Content Knowledge:**
    a. Hold a bachelor's degree in any agriculture or related discipline **OR**
    b. Hold a valid Colorado initial, professional or alternative teacher license in any secondary (7-12) endorsement area. *(Note to alternative candidates: If you qualified for this CTE by obtaining an alternative license and do not successfully complete the alternative program and obtain an initial teacher license, this CTE authorization will be expired the date you discontinue the program.)*

    AND

    c. 24 semester hours of related postsecondary coursework from a regionally accredited institution verified on an official transcript with a minimum of three (3) semester hours in ***four*** *(4)* of the areas listed in the table below **OR**
    d. A passing score on the PRAXIS 5701 agriculture exam.

2. **Experience:**
    Credit for student teaching (up to 800 hours) in the content area may be applied to either occupational or teaching experience:
    a. 2,000 hours of verified occupational experience in the content area **OR**
    b. 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 4 of the areas)	Coursework	Semester Hours
Animal science		
Plant science		
Agribusiness systems		
Environmental and natural resources systems		
Power, structural, and technical systems		
Food products and processing		
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)