



Program Policies and Procedures

for

CAREER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

Secondary Programs
Adult Skill Training

Effective Date

March 15, 2016

Statement of Assurance

All vocational opportunities are offered without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age. The following civil rights laws protect individuals from discrimination in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance:

Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Age Discrimination Act of 1975

RELATED LINK: Go to the Department of Labor for assistance with specific laws and regulations. <http://www.dol.gov/dol/compliance/compliance-majorlaw.htm>

Summary of Forms Associated with Instructional Programs

(Information not a part of policies and procedures.)

<u>FORM #</u>	<u>NAME OF FORM</u>
<u>WE-APP-242</u>	Annual Applications for Apprenticeship State Improvement Funds Traditional Apprenticeship: <u>Annual Report Memo & Annual Report Funding Options for Traditional Apprenticeship Program</u>
	Computer Submission of Teacher Information (Deadline Friday after Labor Day)
	Notification by letter of schools using concurrent credit to meet standards
<u>WE-92</u>	C & T New Program Start-up Proposals (Deadline October 1)
<u>WE-APP-233</u>	Class Organization Report for Traditional Apprenticeship Related Classroom Instruction
<u>WE-APP-253</u>	Local Apprenticeship Committee and Instructors Personnel Record
<u>WE-APP-236</u>	Traditional Apprenticeship Related Classroom Instruction Reimbursement Request for Fall semester
<u>WE-APP-237</u>	Traditional Apprenticeship Related Classroom Instruction Attendance/Contact Hour Report for Fall semester
<u>WE-4</u>	Reimbursement for C & T New Program Equipment (Deadline December 15)
<u>WE-APP-236</u>	Traditional Apprenticeship Related Classroom Instruction Reimbursement Request for Spring semester
<u>WE-APP-237</u>	Traditional Apprenticeship Related Classroom Instruction Attendance/Contact Hour Report for Spring semester
<u>WE-6</u>	Application for Adult Skill Training Class (No classes will be approved after May 1)
2 weeks prior to beginning of class	Off cycle program approval (Deadline May 1)
No form number	Course Approval Form (Deadline May 1)

No later than 2 weeks
after completion of
class

WE-PD

Adult Skill Training Class Enrollment Report (all
reimbursement requests must be received by May 30)

Dr. Charisse Childers, Director
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION
Three Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
Website Address: <http://ace.arkansas.gov>

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Deputy Director	Room 405	Fax	682-1043 682-1805
-----------------	----------	-----	----------------------

Career and Technical Education

Associate Director	Room 403	Fax	682-1040 682-1805
--------------------	----------	-----	----------------------

Workforce Training

Associate Director	Room 402.1	Fax	682-1505 682-1501
--------------------	------------	-----	----------------------

Arkansas Works

Associate Director	Room 209	Fax	683-4434 682-8306
--------------------	----------	-----	----------------------

Accountability and Funding

Program Coordinator	Room 403.1	Fax	682-1528 682-1805
---------------------	------------	-----	----------------------

Perkins and Related Federally Funded Programs
Career and Technical Education Coordinators

Occupational Programs:

Office of <u>Agricultural Science and Technology</u> Cluster Responsibility: Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	Room 501	Fax:	682-2561 682-1268
--	----------	------	----------------------

Office of <u>Business/Marketing Technology</u> Cluster Responsibility: Business, Management & Administration; Finance; Hospitality & Tourism; Information Technology; Marketing; Sales & Service	Room 502	Fax:	682-1768 682-1268
--	----------	------	----------------------

Office of <u>Family and Consumer Sciences Education</u> Cluster Responsibility: Education & Training; Hospitality & Tourism; Human Services	Room 601	Fax:	682-1115 682-9440
---	----------	------	----------------------

Office of <u>Skilled & Technical Sciences</u> Cluster Responsibility: Architecture & Construction; Arts, A/V Technology & Communication; Government & Public Administration; Health Sciences; Law, Public Safety & Security; Manufacturing; Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	Room 505	Fax:	682-1271 682-1355
---	----------	------	----------------------

Program Support:

Office of <u>Apprenticeship</u>	Room 506	Fax	682-1360 682-1355
---	----------	-----	----------------------

Issues of:

- Adult Apprenticeship
- Construction Training

Office of Assessment	Room 409	Fax 682-1042 682-1268
Issues of:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Assessment and Accountability 		
Office of Curriculum and Career Development	Room 406	Fax 683-5970 682-1026
Issues of:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Revision and Development • Career Awareness • Career Counselor Professional Development • Career Focus and Pathways • Career Planning 		
Courses/Classes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Orientation/Career Development • Internship • Keystone • Senior Seminar/Capstone • Workplace Readiness/College and Career Readiness • Workforce Technology 		
Office of School Improvement	Room 402	Fax 682-1616 682-8306
Cluster Responsibilities: Architecture & Construction; Information Technology; Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics		
Issues of:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contextual Learning • Curriculum Integration • Post-Secondary Articulations 		
Support Programs:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Academy Initiative • <i>High Schools That Work</i> • <i>Technology Centers That Work</i> 		
Office of Support for Special Populations	Room 407	Fax 682-1535 682-1805
Issues of:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Traditional Services • Equity and Accessibility • Special Populations • Adaptive Equipment 		
Courses:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JAG (Jobs for Arkansas' Graduates) • STRIVE (Students and Teachers Responsibly Integrating Vocational Education) 		
Arkansas Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO)	Room 207	Fax 682-1137 682-1509
Issues of:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting State, County and Municipal Law Enforcement Agencies with Equipment Needs • Dissemination of Information Pertinent to Law Enforcement Agencies 		
Arkansas Approving Agency for Veterans Training	ARS Room 105	Fax 324-9473 324-9610

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Definitions.....	7
Program Approval.....	9
Program Approval	9
Accountability	9
Grants for New or Expanded Career Focuses Programs of Study.....	9
Program Design, Development, Implementation, and Evaluation	11
Adult Skills Training	11
Advisory Committee(s)	11
Career Focus Programs of Study	12
Career Planning	12
Class Periods – Length	12
Class Size.....	13
Concurrent Credit	13
Work Based Learning.....	13
Contract Length	13
Course Credit	13
Curriculum Content Frameworks	14
Facilities	14
Federal Funds	14
Foundation Courses	14
Required Training.....	14
Reports.....	14
Secondary Slot-Ins at Postsecondary Institutions.....	14
Skilled and Technical Sciences Program Accreditation	14
Standards for Accreditation of Public Schools.....	15
CTE Technical Skill Attainment	15
Student Organizations (CTSO).....	15
Workforce Equity	15
Teacher Licensure and Training.....	16
Degreed Teacher Licensure	16
Endorsements	16
Permit and Endorsement Areas	20
Concurrent Credit Teacher Approval	22
Apprenticeship.....	23

I. DEFINITIONS

A. CAREER CLUSTER

A grouping of occupations and broad industries into a national classification of 16 clusters that are based upon common knowledge and skills. Career clusters include hundreds of occupations that may be grouped into pathways around which educational programs of study can be built.

B. CAREER FIELD

The organizing structure for the 16 career clusters and 38 pathways. The fields represent the broadest aggregation of careers. Students are normally exposed to career field exploration in middle school and early high school.

C. CAREER PATHWAY

An organization of related occupational areas within a specific career cluster. These pathways have identified knowledge and skills validated by industry from which programs and programs of study are developed.

D. PROGRAM OF STUDY

A career and technical education program of study begins with the exploration of career options; supports basic academic and life skills; and enables achievement of high academic standards; high-skill high-wage employment preparation; and advanced continuing education. A program of study links secondary and postsecondary education and combines coherent and rigorous academic and technical education in a structured, non-duplicative sequence of aligned courses that progress from broad foundation skills to occupationally specific courses. A program of study may include opportunities for secondary students to acquire postsecondary education credits and leads to an industry-recognized credential or a certificate or degree at the postsecondary level.

E. COMPLETER

A student who has completed three (3) Carnegie units of credit in grades 9-12 including all the required core courses in a career pathway of study and graduated from high school. If core classes are taught below ninth grade level, they may fulfill the course requirement for completer status, however three units must be taken during grade 9-12. See lists of courses and grade levels at which they may be taught in each area's section of this handbook.

F. EQUIPMENT

Tangible, nonexpendable, personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$100 or more per unit.

G. NEW PROGRAM START-UP LIST

Equipment and program specific supplies and software that are required for approval and operation of pathway program of study and foundation courses.

H. PARTICIPANT

A student who is enrolled in a career and technical course during the reporting period.

I. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sustained, intensive, and focused opportunities for administrators, teachers, and faculty to foster POS design, implementation, certification and maintenance.

J. "SHALL"

The use of "shall" in these regulations indicates that the activity is mandatory.

K. ADULT SKILLS TRAINING

Adult skills training classes offered on a short-term basis for the purpose of training and upgrading the workforce.

II. PROGRAM APPROVAL

A. PROGRAM APPROVAL is reviewed annually. Programs granted approval status shall:

1. Follow all policies and procedures,
2. Participate in end-of-course assessment,
3. Meet or show improvement in documented performance indicators,
4. Remove all critical elements identified in technical assistance visits,
5. Submit program approval information through the ACE Teacher Information System by listed dates, and follow all required program guidelines.

Schools may offer for graduation credit, only career and technical classes approved by ACE.

B. ACCOUNTABILITY

The following items will be reviewed annually to maintain program continuation: a) academic skill attainment, b) technical skill attainment, c) number of students completing career focus, d) placement of students in postsecondary education, e) placement of students in the workforce, and f) non-traditional enrollment, g) advisory council status, h) career and technical student organization (CTSO), i) critical elements from technical assistance visit, j) any conditional item from previous year.

C. GRANTS FOR NEW, EXPANDED, OR PRIORITY PROGRAMS

1. Grant awards shall be available for the exclusive purpose of purchasing equipment and program specific supplies, required training, assessment, and software to support newly approved career focus programs of study, foundation courses, expanded programs of study, and other career and technical related courses.
2. The factors used for determining both approval and the amount of the grant awards are contingent on:
 - a. funds available
 - b. state priority
 - c. rubric evaluation
 - d. proposed technical programs in local districts located within a 25 mile radius or within 30 minutes travel time (one way) of a technical career center offering the same program
3. To be considered for funding school districts and secondary technical career centers shall submit a proposal for new program start-up by October 1 prior to implementation in the following school year.
4. The grant award(s) shall not exceed the cost of the start-up as established by ACE program standards.
5. The equipment, supplies, and software purchased with state funds authorized under the biennial appropriation for grants and aids to school districts (public school fund) shall be utilized only for the activities for which it was originally approved and purchased and shall not be used in any other fashion without prior written approval of ACE.
6. Reimbursement requests for new program start-up shall be submitted on the Form WE-4 to the state office at any time prior to the December 15 deadline. The request for reimbursement of state funds shall not exceed the amount of the grant award. Waivers may be given for the advancement of grant funds.

7. For new program start-up equipment and program specific supplies and software, it is the responsibility of the local school district and secondary vocational centers to maintain and repair the equipment purchased with the State grant during its life cycle. After the life cycle (5 years), it will become the property of the local school district and/or secondary technical career center.
8. ACE shall retain a vested interest in the equipment and program specific supplies and software purchased with new program start-up grants for their life cycle. At the discretion of the program coordinator, items shall be re-inventoried to another CTE program.
9. ACE will provide up-to-date equipment standards for each program and foundation course. Prior written approval is required for any item or expenditure not on the ACE program start-up list.
10. A request to restart a closed program shall be funded only if funds have not been granted within the last five (5) years. Under extraordinary circumstances, the CTE Deputy Director may grant approval at a reduced funding amount.

III. PROGRAM DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND EVALUATION

A. ADULT SKILLS TRAINING

1. ACE will approve adult skills training programs/courses upon availability of funds under the biennial appropriation.
2. Funding for faculty salaries for short-term adult classes sponsored by the secondary public schools will be provided at an hourly rate of \$30 per direct contact instructional hour.
3. Approval of short-term adult classes is contingent upon the following criteria:
 - a. A minimum enrollment of eight participants is required for approval of the class.
 - b. A minimum of six (6) hours and a maximum of 60 hours of instruction are required for approval courses.
 - c. Applications (Form WE-6) for adult classes are to be submitted to the applicable occupational program manager a minimum of two weeks prior to the beginning of the proposed class. (No classes will be approved after May 1.)
 - d. The applicable occupational program manager will notify the local school administrator/faculty/institution of approval/disapproval of the class.
 - e. Reimbursement of faculty salaries to the local entity will be initiated after the Class Enrollment Report (WE-PD-19) is received by the program manager. (All reimbursement requests must be received by May 30.)
4. Upon the annual approval by ACE, grants to supplement salaries of full-time teacher(s) who have been designated to plan, design, develop, and direct the skill training programs existing as of July 1, 1995, in adult education centers may be approved.
5. Adult education centers with approved skill training courses that existed as of July 1, 1995, are required to establish a fee structure for students enrolled in the courses. A minimum charge of \$20 per course or fifty (50) cents per clock hour of instruction, whichever is less, shall be charged for all approved skill training adult classes (clock hours of instruction are the total hours approved for the course). Fifty dollars shall be the maximum fee assessed an individual student in any semester or other school term of lesser length. Annual reports are due July 15.

B. ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S)

1. Each career and technical program shall have an active advisory committee or a school-wide advisory committee with representation from each program/career pathway.
2. The committee shall have appropriate, diverse representation of community, business/industry, and post-secondary partners. The committee shall meet twice annually and minutes shall be kept. District representation at the regional advisory council meeting will suffice for one of these.
3. The committees' functions should include program evaluation and technical assistance relating to program development, employment opportunities, skills requirements of the occupation, and specialized equipment acquisition.

C. CAREER FOCUS PROGRAMS OF STUDY

1. Career focus programs of study make up the career and technical delivery system in these career clusters:
 - a. Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
 - b. Architecture & Construction
 - c. Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
 - d. Business, Management & Administration
 - e. Education & Training
 - f. Finance
 - g. Government & Public Administration
 - h. Health Science
 - i. Hospitality & Tourism
 - j. Human Services
 - k. Information Technology
 - l. Law, Public Safety & Security
 - m. Manufacturing
 - n. Marketing, Sales & Service
 - o. Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
 - p. Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
2. Each career focus program of study shall consist of foundation courses in grades 7 or 8: as defined by the Department of Career Education. A minimum of three (3) Carnegie units in grades 9-12, a career focus is required for a program of study in career and technical education. Approved programs must offer a complete program of study on a two year rotational basis. Core courses must be offered annually.
3. Approved program must follow programs of study and guidelines established and identified in the supplemental program operational guides and approval of CTE Deputy Director and/or their designee. All changes to the operational guides will go through a review process.
4. Schools that, due to local business and industry requirements or school improvement plans, find it necessary to modify career focus programs of study or core course requirements to meet the needs of the students by improving completion and placement may request a local modification.

The request:

- a. shall document need and expected outcomes
- b. shall have input from postsecondary and industry representation
- c. shall be submitted to the Deputy Director of Career and Technical Education, and
- d. shall not be initiated until written approval is received

D. CAREER PLANNING

Upon completion of the eighth grade, each student shall have on file a four-year Career Development Portfolio, either hardcopy or electronic format, which includes secondary courses to be taken. At least two years of postsecondary education planning is recommended. The career plan shall be revisited each year for any necessary adjustments. Parents/guardians shall be involved in the education and career planning process, with signatures documenting involvement each year.

E. CLASS PERIODS – LENGTH

Class periods shall conform to the minimum class hours established by the Standards for Accreditation of Public Schools.

F. CLASS SIZE

1. Class size shall conform to the Standards for Accreditation of Public Schools; however, enrollments may vary and will depend on the availability of equipment, tools, furniture, and instructional materials that support the program.
2. Additionally, program equipment requirements and safety conditions should be a consideration in establishing class sizes.

G. CONCURRENT CREDIT

All concurrent credit courses offered for high school graduation (required 22 units) credit must have approval and alignment from ACE.

H. WORK BASED LEARNING

Work based learning combines classroom instruction with alternating periods of on-the-job training in an occupation related to the student's career goal. Training sponsors are selected to coordinate the learning experiences provided on the job. Training plans are developed cooperatively by the teacher/coordinator and the training sponsor (employer) to ensure the development of required competencies. Students may be paid and shall be given academic credit.

Students shall be sixteen (16) years of age to meet labor law requirements.

Coordinator/teacher Supervision Periods

1. For off campus paid work based programs, coordinators will be assigned:
 - a. one supervision period for 1-25 students,
 - b. two supervision periods for 26-50 students, and
 - c. three supervision periods for 51 or more students.The conference period may count as one of the three (3) supervision periods.
2. For students of special populations, coordinators will be assigned:
 - a. one supervision period for 1-15,
 - b. two supervision periods for 16-30 students, and
 - c. three supervision periods for 31 or more students.The conference period may count as one of the three (3) supervision periods.

I. CONTRACT LENGTH

Local school districts and secondary technical career centers governing authorities shall have the option of extending the length of career and technical teacher's contracts beyond the minimum number of contract days required by the Standards for Accreditation of Public Schools.

Exception: State law requires twelve (12) -month contracts for agriculture teachers.

J. COURSE CREDIT

It is recommended that three (3) units per year be given—one (1) unit for the related class and two (2) units for the 270 per semester/540 per year hours of on-the-job training required.

K. CURRICULUM CONTENT FRAMEWORKS

Each teacher shall follow State curriculum/content frameworks for each course approved by ACE.

L. FACILITIES

Facility requirements must meet ADE guidelines (<http://arkansasfacilities.arkansas.gov>). Equipment requirements may be obtained from the appropriate program section and must be met within the specified time for program approval.

M. FEDERAL FUNDS

The federal funds received through the Department must be used to improve CTE programs and services for students enrolled in the program. Federal rules and regulations along with the state's Plan for the funds must be followed. Pertinent information regarding the federal CTE federal funds may be obtained through the Perkins Coordinator Manual and the State's Five-Year Plan (posted on the Department's website) and through the U. S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical Education and Adult Education.

N. FOUNDATION COURSES

Foundation courses are those classes that encompass the skills and knowledge necessary to be successful in any selected career and technical program. These courses are prerequisite in nature and required for all career and technical program approvals as defined by the Department of Career Education.

O. REQUIRED TRAINING

Instructors shall attend ACE required training for program start-up and/or annual approval.

P. REPORTS

Information is necessary via various reports and shall be submitted by due date. Refer to program area operational guides for program-specific reports.

Q. SECONDARY SLOT-INS AT POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

1. Occupational-specific programs at technical institutes, community colleges, or two-year colleges in which high school students are admitted (slot-ins) shall count toward meeting the state standards relating to the requirement for three units each of three occupation-specific career and technical programs.
2. A copy of the written contract (agreement) with the postsecondary institution must be submitted to the Deputy Director for Career and Technical Education, ACE, by October 1 of each academic year.

R. SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The following programs of study must maintain accreditation by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF):

- a. Automotive Service Technology
- b. Collision Repair Technology

S. STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. Curriculum grades 9-12

Arkansas public schools are required to offer nine (9) units of Career and Technical Education.

2. To meet state standards for accreditation, public schools shall provide students access to a minimum of one career focus program of study in three (3) different occupational clusters (offered annually).

Schools who do not offer these programs on campus may utilize public schools, technical career centers, or postsecondary institutions.

If occupational programs are offered off-site to fulfill the required three (3) occupational programs, the school must provide students transportation, sufficient time to complete a three-unit program of study, and sufficient effort to provide these opportunities to students. Students must be enrolled in the program to count toward the three (3) required.

3. Secondary schools utilizing off-campus options as a means for meeting curricula standards must have on file with the Deputy Director for Career and Technical Education a written agreement between both institutions as documentation to this effect before October 1 of each academic year. Schools having no students in attendance will not meet this standard.

T. CTE TECHNICAL SKILL ATTAINMENT

The Department provides end-of-course assessments for the core required courses of the CTE programs of study. Districts with students enrolled in any of the assessed courses are required to test students through the web-based assessment system. The assessment results shall be used to guide program improvement. Along with industry-credentials/certifications, the end-of-course assessment data is used to determine achievement for the technical skill attainment performance indicator required by the federal Perkins Act. These results are published annually on the CTE School Report Card.

U. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (CTSO)

The career and technical student organization(s) (CTSO):

- a. shall be an integral part of the career and technical education program(s) offered in each school and shall follow the applicable guidelines, goals, objectives, and participate in activities of the appropriate state and/or national student organization for each program;
- b. shall be supervised by career and technical personnel in the applicable occupational area.

V. WORKFORCE EQUITY

ACE will continue to inform school administration of current policies regarding gender equity, discrimination and nontraditional training with the intention that these policies will be infused into the local curriculum and instruction. Onsite monitoring of selected programs is required by federal law.

IV. TEACHER LICENSURE AND TRAINING

A. CAREER AND TECHNICAL DEGREED TEACHERS LICENSURE

1. Integrated Career and Technical Education Licensure
Arkansas Career and Technical teachers in the areas of Agriculture and Science Technology, Business Technology, Marketing Technology, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Industrial Technology Education will be licensed through the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE)
2. Driver Education Endorsement
Must complete Driver Education I, II, and First Aide (2 sem. hrs. each). The instructor must also complete the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching 7-12 with a minimum score of 164.

B. CAREER AND TECHNICAL ENDORSEMENTS FOR LEVEL A.Y.A. (ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS)

Instructors who desire to teach identified courses, which require specific training not offered through Career and Technical approved programs of study, may receive added endorsement to an existing teaching license by completing the requirements identified for the following course specific-areas. Specific requirements for each course are found in the related section of the program policies and procedures for secondary career and technical programs.

Applications for these endorsements should be made to the Deputy Director for Career and Technical Education, ACE. Following documentation of the completion of individual requirements, a recommendation will be made to ADE Professional Licensure section to add related endorsements.

- a. Career Academy Endorsement (410) (grades 7-12)
Keystone (grades 9-10)
- b. Career Orientation (411) (grades 7-8) and Career Development Endorsement (418) (grades 4-8)
- c. Career Preparation (412) (grades 7-12)
- d. Career Services for Special Populations (413) (grades 7-12)
Jobs for Arkansas' Graduates
STRIVE (Students and Teachers Responsibly Integrating Vocational Education)
- e. Integrated Academics Endorsement
 - Physics in Context (PIC)
 - Principles of Technology (PT)
 - Project Lead the Way Specialization Courses
1. Teacher Qualifications for Career Orientation or Career Development Endorsements (411 or 418)

Education – Career Orientation/Career Development teachers who are not certified counselors shall have a valid secondary or middle school teaching license or be enrolled in the non-traditional licensure program.

Endorsement - In addition to the licensing requirements, completion of the following coursework or the mentorship training program is required and must be completed prior to teaching Career Orientation or Career Development a second year:

- a. Three semester hours of "Methods of Teaching Career Development"
OR
- b. Mentorship Training Program

- c. Complete an equivalent mentorship training program designed and approved by ACE under an approved model trainer.
- d. Attend a Career Development New Teacher Endorsement Workshop provided by ACE.

Counselors who teach Career Orientation shall meet state licensing standards and the mentorship training program

2. Teacher Qualifications for the Career Preparation Endorsement (412)

Education – The instructor shall maintain a valid 7-12 teaching license or be enrolled in the non-traditional licensure program.

Endorsement – The instructor shall:

- a. Complete a mentorship training program designed and approved by ACE under an approved model trainer
OR
- b. Complete approved coursework (Methods of Teaching Career Preparation) prior to the second year of teaching in this area.
- c. Attend the Career Development New Teacher Endorsement Workshop provided by ACE.

3. Teacher Qualifications for JAG

The JAG Specialist is to be secondary licensed in a career and technical or any core academic area and endorsed through the completion of program management training developed and approved by the Department of Career Education.

It is strongly recommended that during the first year of operation the JAG Specialist be employed on a contract of a minimum of 215 days. It is also strongly recommended that during each subsequent year the Specialist be employed on a contract of a minimum of 225 days.

4. Teacher Qualifications for the Career Academy Endorsement (410) – Keystone

For new programs it is the school administrator's responsibility to assemble a team of visionaries to design the course. The team shall include qualified counselor(s), administrators and both academic and career and technical certified teachers. The goal of the team shall be to establish the local guidelines and content for the Keystone course.

Annual professional development shall be held during which time the process shall be revisited. Newly recruited teachers shall participate in evaluating and modifying the Keystone course with veteran team members.

Education – The Keystone instructor shall maintain a valid 7-12 teaching license or be enrolled in the non-traditional licensure program.

Endorsement – The Keystone instructor shall:

- a. Complete or be enrolled in a mentorship training program approved by ACE under an approved model trainer to be completed before the end of the first semester of teaching Keystone.
- b. Attend the Career Guidance New Teacher Endorsement Workshop provided by ACE.

5. Teacher Qualifications for Integrated Academics Endorsement

A qualified teacher of Physics in Context/Principles of Technology shall

Hold a valid teaching license, be licensed in Physical – Earth Science (A.Y.A) in secondary education, or be licensed in physics or have physics approval

A qualified teacher of Project Lead the Way (PLTW): Pre-Engineering and Gateway to Technology shall;

- a. Hold a valid Arkansas teaching license
- b. Complete the required training for each of the specific courses to be taught

A qualified teacher of Project Lead the Way (PLTW): Biomedical Sciences shall;

- a. Have successfully completed at least two semesters of college-level biology with a laboratory and have experience in the techniques and methods of modern biology, molecular biology, or physiology
- b. Complete the required training for each of the specific courses to be taught

A qualified teacher of Engineering Technology Education (ETE);

- a. Shall hold a teaching license in Industrial/Technology Education or hold a bachelor's degree and be certified in another area
- b. A certified teacher from another area may teach Engineering Technology Education with a passing score of 159 on the Praxis II Technology Education test
- c. Two year's work experience in a trade, technical, or industrial area
- d. Minimum of twelve credit hours or 180 clock hours in career and technical teacher education courses required (six hours of career and technical teacher education courses must related specifically to Industrial Technology)

7. Teacher Qualifications for STRIVE

The STRIVE instructor is to be secondary licensed in any vocational area and/or either hold certification in Reading, Math, Language Arts, or Special Education and endorsed through the completion of program management training developed and approved by the Department of Career Education.

Existing PROVE instructors with teaching certificates may “grandfather” as STRIVE instructors. Instructors endorsed in CCVE and who hold teaching certificates may “grandfather” as STRIVE instructors upon completing the program management training.

8. Teacher Qualifications for Grade 5/6 Business Technology Endorsement (419)

The Grade 5/6 Business Technology Endorsement candidate must be a licensed teacher in Arkansas and will complete the ACE approved professional development.

C. TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PERMIT AREAS

1. Minimum Requirements for CTE Permits

Experienced professionals may be issued a career and technical education provisional permit. The minimum requirements include a minimum of an Associate's Degree with two years of relevant work experience in the specialty area to be taught *or* four years of relevant work experience in the specialty area to be taught. Minimum education requirements/work experience shall be met prior to employment in the teaching specialty,

verification of high school diploma or General Education Equivalency. All candidates must pass the required background checks.

2. Process for Obtaining CTE Permits

Candidates must submit the following documents to the ADE Office of Educator Licensure:

- a. The Arkansas Educator Licensure Application (located Arkansas Department of Education website)
- b. Official college transcript, copy of high school diploma, or copy General Equivalency Diploma (GED) (Submit the highest attained)
- c. Resume reflecting relevant work experience in Specialty Permit Areas
- d. Additional requirements as outlined under Specialty Permit Areas

Provisional permits will be valid for one (1) year from the applicants hire date. A second one (1) year provisional permit can be issued, if necessary, to allow additional time for completion of the specialty area requirements to obtain a standard 5-year permit. A new application shall be submitted for permit renewal.

PERMIT and ENDORSEMENT AREAS:

211	Engineering Technology Ed (7-8)	603	Criminal Justice
212	Engineering Technology Ed (9-12)	604	Horticulture
410	Career Academy Endorsement (7-12)	605	Forestry
411	Career Orientation (7-8)	606	Pre-Engineering
412	Career Preparation (7-12)	607	Geospatial Technology
413	Career Services for Special Populations (7-12)	608	Marine Mechanics
418	Career Development Endorsement	609	Pulp and Paper Science
419	Business Tech Endorsement	610	Child Care
574	Diesel Mechanics	611	Medical Professions
575	Drafting & Design	612	JROTC
576	Dry-cleaning Laboratory	613	Performing Arts – Dance
577	Electronics	614	Power Sports
578	Heating Vent A/C	615	Legal Services
579	Exploring Industrial Tech Ed	616	Advanced Manufacturing
580	Culinary Arts & Chef Prep	618	Communication
581	Furniture/Cabinet Making	619	Petroleum Production
582	Graphic Communication	620	Renewable Energy Technology
583	Industrial Control Technology	625	Sports Medicine
584	Industrial Cooperative Training	628	Career-Aerospace Engineering (11-12)
585	Industrial Equipment Maintenance	629	Career-Biotechnical Engineering (11-12)
586	Instrumentation	630	Career-Civil Engineering and Architecture (11-12)
587	Machine Tool Technology	631	Career-Computer Integrated Manufacturing (11-12)
588	Major Appliance Repair	632	Career-Digital Electronics (11-12)
589	Meat Processing	633	Career-Capstone Course: Engineering Design and Development (12)
590	Piano Tuning	634	Foundational: Career-Automation & Robotics (7-8)
591	Radio & Television Broadcasting	635	Foundational: Career-Design and Modeling (7-8)
592	Robotics	636	Career-Energy and the Environment (7-8)
593	Power Equipment Technology	637	Career-Flight and Space (7-8)
594	Surveying	638	Career-Green Architecture (7-8)
595	Television Broadcasting	639	Career-Magic of Electrons (7-8)
596	Textiles	640	Career-Medical Detectives (7-8)
597	Welding	641	Career-Science of Technology(7-8)
598	Food Production Mgmt. & Serv.	642	Career-Principles of Biomedical Sciences (9-12)
599	Exploratory Trades and Industry	643	Career-Human Body Systems (9-12)
600	Cashier/Checker Instruction	644	Career-Medical Interventions (9-12)
601	Truck Driving	645	Career-Biomedical Innovations (9-12)
602	Commercial Photography	646	Foundational: Career-Principles of Engineering (10-11)
		647	Foundational: Career-Introduction to Engineering Design (9-10)
		650	Mobile Application Development

3. Specialty Permit Areas Requirements

- a. JROTC (612)
Instructor Approval Letter from Branch of Service
- b. Cosmetology (573)

Standard 5-year permit requirements:

1. Submit an official score report reflecting passing scores, as approved by the State Board, on the appropriate basic skills, pedagogical and content-area assessment(s) as mandated by the State Board
2. Attend the Skills USA Chapter Management Institute (CMI)

Additional permit requirements:

- a. Valid Arkansas Cosmetology License (submit copy with application)
 - b. Valid Arkansas Cosmetology Instructor's License (submit copy with application)
 - c. Complete teacher education coursework that shall include the following:
 - Domain 1: Planning and-Preparation
 - Domain 2: The Classroom Environment
 - Domain 3: Instruction
 - Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities
- c. Culinary Arts/Food Production (580)

Standard 5-year permit requirements:

1. Submit an official score report reflecting passing scores, as approved by the State Board, on the appropriate basic skills, pedagogical and content-area assessment(s) as mandated by the State Board
2. Submit passing scores for the National Occupational Competency Test (NOCTI) in the specialty area or possess a valid national certification from an accredited organization (submit copy with application) which is approved by ACE
3. Complete the Arkansas FCCLA Adviser Academy or SkillsUSA Chapter Management Institute (CMI)
4. Complete teacher education coursework that shall include the following:
 - Domain 1: Planning and-Preparation
 - Domain 2: The Classroom Environment
 - Domain 3: Instruction
 - Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities

4. Skilled and Technical Sciences Permit Areas

The following requirements shall be completed by all Skilled and Technical Sciences program instructors:

- a. Submit an official score report reflecting passing scores, as approved by the State Board, on the appropriate basic skills, pedagogical and content-area assessment(s) as mandated by the State Board
- b. Complete the SkillsUSA Chapter Management Institute (CMI)
- c. Complete teacher education coursework that shall include the following:
 - Domain 1: Planning and Preparation
 - Domain 2: The Classroom Environment
 - Domain 3: Instruction
 - Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities

Additional Requirements for Skilled and Technical Specialty Areas

- a. Construction Technology (570) and Welding (597)
 - NCCER Certification
 - NOCTI Assessment
- b. Medical Professions (611)
 - Hold a Current Professional Medical License
- c. Sports Medicine (625)
 - Licensed in Arkansas to practice Athletic Training
- d. Automotive Collision Repair (567), Automotive Service Technology (568), and Diesel Mechanics (574)
 - ASE Certification in the specific areas taught

D. CONCURRENT CREDIT TEACHER APPROVAL

Concurrent credit classes offered for high school career and technical credit in a secondary area technical center operated by a post-secondary institution must have approval and course alignment by ACE.

An ACE approved concurrent credit course number to be used by high schools to identify concurrent college classes will be issued following submission of course alignment approval request submitted to the deputy director for career and technical education. Three (3) hour college credit classes shall be given 1 unit of secondary credit.

Technical instructors teaching at a secondary area technical center operated by a two-year community/technical college shall have a minimum of an associate degree within the area of instruction, have completed all necessary background checks, and meet all college accrediting standards for instructors. Secondary area technical centers should submit documentation of these records to the Office of Workforce Training, ACE. Centers will annually submit a list of instructors providing concurrent credit and meeting the above requirements will be given an annual waiver from teacher licensure requirements. Those instructors not meeting these requirements or instructors teaching non-concurrent credit classes must hold an Arkansas Teacher's License/Technical Permit.

Apprenticeship is a structured training and educational system designed to prepare individuals for specific occupations. It combines on-the-job training (OJT) under the supervision of experienced journey workers at the work site along with education conducted by qualified instructors in related classroom instruction. Apprenticeship programs are driven by business and industry employers who specify the competencies or processes required for mastery in the occupations; these become the standards for which the apprentices will master. Apprenticeship programs require, at minimum, one year of training and education, but usually require four or five years. Specific apprenticeship programs require registry with the U.S. Department of Labor/Office of Apprenticeship (USDOL/OA). Apprentices who successfully complete the prescribed number of hours in OJT, classroom instruction in a registered apprenticeship program, and pass required tests are awarded certificates of completion and considered journeyman. Apprentices may also receive post-secondary certificates, diplomas, and degrees as a result of completing their specific apprenticeship program.

Qualifications of the apprentice vary according to the requirements of the occupation. However, all apprenticeship programs require applicants to be at least 16 years old and physically able to perform the job. All programs prefer and most require a high school diploma or equivalent certificate.

The State of Arkansas recognizes the significance of apprenticeship programs in enhancing the skill levels of the employees and workers in Arkansas businesses and industries. Three methods of providing improvement funds are available for employers and apprentices: Traditional Apprenticeship, Youth Apprenticeship, and Construction Training.

A. Traditional Apprenticeship

The term “Traditional Apprenticeship” is used to designate the adult apprenticeship programs that are registered with the USDOL/OA and that receive State Improvement Funds based upon hours of related classroom instruction. These programs are operated by employers, employer associations, or jointly by management and labor on a voluntary basis. The State Apprenticeship Office (SAO), within ACE, monitors the related classroom instruction portion of USDOL/OA registered apprenticeship programs that apply and are approved for State Improvement Funds.

The Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee (AACSC) provides guidance to and coordinates with the SAO to effectively promote and enhance apprenticeship programs in Arkansas. The AACSC is composed of 20 voting members, appointed by the Governor’s Office, from business/industry, labor, education, and female minority sector, and six non-voting, advisory members appointed by government and education agencies.

Teachers or instructors of Traditional Apprenticeship related classroom instruction are chosen by the local apprenticeship committee based upon the instructor’s experience and teaching abilities. Instructors are usually selected from the technical programs at high schools, technical institutes or colleges, and business/industry companies. The instructional materials are frequently developed by and available from labor associations and curriculum centers or developed locally by the employers and experienced journey workers.

The standards (or implementation plan) for each apprenticeship program is written in a specific format by the local committee and submitted to the USDOL/OA for approval and registry. This document states how and when the learning processes will occur, what the responsibilities are of the employer and apprentice, and what wages will be awarded upon completion of each level of mastery. The employer and apprentice then signs their respective employer agreement and apprentice agreement which are also registered with the

USDOL/OA. If an apprenticeship program is properly registered with the USDOL/OA then the program is eligible to apply for State Improvement Funds.

B. Construction Training

The Construction Industry Training Education Program (pursuant to Act 474 of 1999) is designed to assist the construction industry in Arkansas to develop and improve the competencies and skill levels of their employees. Monies for this program are acquired from a construction permit surcharge and are available to qualified construction programs that apply to the Department of Career Education/State Apprenticeship Office. Most of the approved applicants are adult apprenticeship programs but some are area technical centers, high schools, technical schools and colleges associated with adult apprenticeship programs. Specific funds (20% of the total funds) are set aside each year for the infusion of curriculum into the public schools as well as the construction education institutions of Arkansas.

Rules and Regulations outline the application and award process. To qualify, the program must be performing actual work in Arkansas, the training must occur in Arkansas, and the applicant should be currently sponsoring a training, apprenticeship, or educational program in Arkansas that is approved by or registered with the State Apprenticeship Office and/or the United States Department of Labor/Office of Apprenticeship. The State Apprenticeship Office and the Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee review the applications.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FILING PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS
WITH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY Arkansas Department of Career Education
DIVISION Career and Technical Education
DIVISION DIRECTOR Kathi Turner
CONTACT PERSON Kathi Turner
ADDRESS #3 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201
PHONE NO. 501-682-1043 **FAX NO.** 501-682-1501 **E-MAIL** katherine.turner@arkansas.gov
NAME OF PRESENTER AT COMMITTEE MEETING Kathi Turner
PRESENTER E-MAIL katherine.turner@arkansas.gov

INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Please make copies of this form for future use.
- B. Please answer each question **completely** using layman terms. You may use additional sheets, if necessary.
- C. If you have a method of indexing your rules, please give the proposed citation after "Short Title of this Rule" below.
- D. Submit two (2) copies of this questionnaire and financial impact statement attached to the front of two (2) copies of the proposed rule and required documents. Mail or deliver to:

Donna K. Davis
Administrative Rules Review Section
Arkansas Legislative Council
Bureau of Legislative Research
One Capitol Mall, 5th Floor
Little Rock, AR 72201

1. What is the short title of this rule? Revised Policies and Procedures for Career and Technical Education
2. What is the subject of the proposed rule? The proposed rules change and/or qualify current rules and delete obsolete language
3. Is this rule required to comply with a federal statute, rule, or regulation? Yes No
Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 - Perkins IV
Section 122(c)(1)(A) of Perkins IV
If yes, please provide the federal rule, regulation, and/or statute citation. IV
4. Was this rule filed under the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act? Yes No
If yes, what is the effective date of the emergency rule? _____

When does the emergency rule expire?

Will this emergency rule be promulgated under the permanent provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act? Yes No

5. Is this a new rule? Yes No

If yes, please provide a brief summary explaining the regulation. Revision in definition of program of study to reflect the federal definition of a program of study as defined by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 - Perkins IV and to revise qualifications for teacher licensure and permit areas to more align with Department of Education guidelines for licensure.

Does this repeal an existing rule? Yes No

If yes, a copy of the repealed rule is to be included with your completed questionnaire. If it is being replaced with a new rule, please provide a summary of the rule giving an explanation of what the rule does.

Is this an amendment to an existing rule? Yes No

If yes, please attach a mark-up showing the changes in the existing rule and a summary of the substantive changes. **Note: The summary should explain what the amendment does, and the mark-up copy should be clearly labeled "mark-up."**

6. Cite the state law that grants the authority for this proposed rule? If codified, please give the Arkansas Code citation. A.C.A.25-30-102

7. What is the purpose of this proposed rule? Why is it necessary? Revisions have been made of the Policies and Procedures for Career and Technical Education to modify definition of program of study to align with federal definition and reflect changes in endorsement/permit areas; requirements of foundation courses; revising language to reflect practice of the Career and Technical Education Division of Arkansas Department of Career Education.

8. Please provide the address where this rule is publicly accessible in electronic form via the Internet as required by Arkansas Code § 25-19-108(b). <http://ace.arkansas.gov/newsEvents/Pages/default.aspx>

9. Will a public hearing be held on this proposed rule? Yes No

If yes, please complete the following:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

10. When does the public comment period expire for permanent promulgation? (Must provide a date.)

January 18, 2016

11. What is the proposed effective date of this proposed rule? (Must provide a date.)

February 9, 2016

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

DEPARTMENT Arkansas Department of Career Education
DIVISION Career and Technical Education
PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT Kathi Turner
TELEPHONE NO. (501)682-1043 **FAX NO.** (501)682-1501 **EMAIL:** katherine.turner@arkansas.gov

To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file two copies with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE Revised Policies and Procedures for Career and Technical Education

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule have a financial impact? Yes No
2. Is the rule based on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, or other evidence and information available concerning the need for, consequences of, and alternatives to the rule? Yes No
3. In consideration of the alternatives to this rule, was this rule determined by the agency to be the least costly rule considered? Yes No

If an agency is proposing a more costly rule, please state the following:

- (a) How the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;

- (b) The reason for adoption of the more costly rule;

- (c) Whether the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, please explain; and;

- (d) Whether the reason is within the scope of the agency's statutory authority; and if so, please explain.

4. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please state the following:

- (a) What is the cost to implement the federal rule or regulation?

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____
Federal Funds _____
Cash Funds _____
Special Revenue _____
Other (Identify) _____

General Revenue _____
Federal Funds _____
Cash Funds _____
Special Revenue _____
Other (Identify) _____

Total N/A

Total N/A

(b) What is the additional cost of the state rule?

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____
Federal Funds _____
Cash Funds _____
Special Revenue _____
Other (Identify) _____

General Revenue _____
Federal Funds _____
Cash Funds _____
Special Revenue _____
Other (Identify) _____

Total N/A

Total N/A

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any private individual, entity and business subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Identify the entity(ies) subject to the proposed rule and explain how they are affected.

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to state, county, and municipal government to implement this rule? Is this the cost of the program or grant? Please explain how the government is affected.

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

7. With respect to the agency’s answers to Questions #5 and #6 above, is there a new or increased cost or obligation of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to a private individual, private entity, private business, state government, county government, municipal government, or to two (2) or more of those entities combined?

Yes No

If YES, the agency is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(4) to file written findings at the time of filing the financial impact statement. The written findings shall be filed simultaneously with the financial impact statement and shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (1) a statement of the rule’s basis and purpose;
- (2) the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute;
- (3) a description of the factual evidence that:
 - (a) justifies the agency’s need for the proposed rule; and

- (b) describes how the benefits of the rule meet the relevant statutory objectives and justify the rule's costs;
- (4) a list of less costly alternatives to the proposed rule and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
 - (5) a list of alternatives to the proposed rule that were suggested as a result of public comment and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
 - (6) a statement of whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule and, if existing rules have created or contributed to the problem, an explanation of why amendment or repeal of the rule creating or contributing to the problem is not a sufficient response; and
 - (7) an agency plan for review of the rule no less than every ten (10) years to determine whether, based upon the evidence, there remains a need for the rule including, without limitation, whether:
 - (a) the rule is achieving the statutory objectives;
 - (b) the benefits of the rule continue to justify its costs; and
 - (c) the rule can be amended or repealed to reduce costs while continuing to achieve the statutory objectives.