

290-3-2-.19 Career and Technical Certificate to a Professional Educator Certificate.

(1) **Overview.** An individual holding a valid Master's Equivalent Technical Education 4 Certificate or Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Certificate in a technical education program area or a valid Master's Equivalent Health Science 3 Certificate or Sixth-Year Equivalent Health Science 4 Certificate may meet requirements for a Class B Secondary Professional Educator Certificate in the same technical education program area or in health science.

(2) **Limitations on Issuance.** This approach is available only in health science and the technical education program areas listed on the valid Master's Equivalent Technical Education 4 Certificate or Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Certificate.

(3) **Application.** The applicant is required to submit to the Educator Certification Section the current application for this approach and documentation of having met all requirements as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.19 and on the application.

(4) **Requirements for Health Science.** All requirements must be successfully completed prior to the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section.

(a) Successful completion of the Alabama Special Requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.02(4).

(b) A valid Master's Equivalent Health Science 3 Certificate or Sixth-Year Equivalent Health Science 4 Certificate.

(c) Verification of a currently valid Department-approved MASTER level occupational proficiency assessment for health science which shall include an active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or approved allied health specialty. Information on the MASTER level approved occupational proficiency assessments can be obtained from the Office of Career and Technical Education of the Department.

(d) Verification on an official transcript(s) of an earned bachelor's or higher degree in a healthcare or related area from a regionally accredited senior institution. The Office of Career and Technical Education of the Department must approve the degree.

1. The bachelor's degree must be posted with a minimum overall GPA of at least 2.75 or the master's or higher degree must be posted with a minimum overall GPA of at least 3.0. The overall GPA is the GPA posted on the official transcript of the degree granting institution that was used as the basis for granting the degree.

2. The GPA requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Professional Educator Certificate or Professional Leadership Certificate.

(e) Verification on an official transcript of earned credit, with a grade of "C" or above, for strategies for teaching special needs students in inclusive settings at an Alabama institution with State-approved programs. The credit must have been earned within the five years (60 months) prior to the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section.

(f) Verification of two full scholastic years of full-time classroom teaching experience in grades 6-12 health science. Partial years cannot be combined to meet this requirement. Experience must be verified on Supplement EXP.

(g) Verification of a current passing score for the prescribed Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching Test of the Alabama Educator Certification Assessment Program (AECAP). This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Professional Educator Certificate or a valid Professional Leadership Certificate.

(5) Requirements for Technical Education Program Areas. All requirements must be successfully completed prior to the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section.

(a) Successful completion of the Alabama Special Requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.02(4).

(b) A valid Master's Equivalent Technical Education 4 Certificate or Sixth-Year Equivalent Technical Education 5 Certificate in a technical education program area for which the Professional Educator Certificate is sought.

(c) Verification of a currently valid passing score on the Department-approved MASTER level occupational proficiency assessment (test score, license, or credential) for the technical education program area for which the certificate is sought. Information on the approved MASTER level occupational proficiency assessments can be obtained from the Office of Career and Technical Education of the Department.

(d) Verification on an official transcript(s) of an earned bachelor's or higher degree in the technical education program area, or in an area related to the technical education program area, for which the certificate is sought from a regionally accredited senior institution. The Office of Career and Technical Education of the Department must approve the degree.

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(f) Verification of two full scholastic years of full-time classroom teaching experience in grades 6-12 in the technical education program area for which the certificate is sought. Partial years cannot be combined to meet this requirement. Experience must be verified on Supplement EXP.

(g) Verification of a current passing score for the prescribed Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching Test of the Alabama Educator Certification Assessment Program (AECAP). This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Professional Educator Certificate or a valid Professional Leadership Certificate.

(6) Degree Level. The Professional Educator Certificate issued through this approach shall be issued only at the Class B (bachelor's degree) level.

(7) Valid Period. The valid period of the certificate shall be from the date of issuance through the remainder of the same scholastic year, and thereafter, for the next five consecutive scholastic years.

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