

**WAC 181-77-041 Requirements for candidates seeking career and technical education certification on the basis of business and industry work experience.** Candidates seeking career and technical education certification on the basis of business and industry work experience shall complete the following requirements in addition to those set forth in WAC 181-79A-150 (1) and (2) and 181-79A-155 (1) and (2).

(1) **Initial.**

(a) Candidates for the initial certificate shall provide documentation of occupational experience in the specialty area for which certification is sought.

(i) Six thousand hours is required.

(ii) Two thousand hours must be within the past ten years. Candidates may use up to four thousand hours of teaching experience in the specialty area they are experienced in and the remaining two thousand hours must be from nonteaching occupational experience. For STEM, candidate may use all six thousand hours of teaching experience in science, technology, engineering and/or math in lieu of occupational experience. For biomedical and biotechnology, candidates may use all six thousand hours of teaching experience in biology in lieu of occupational experience.

(iii) If all or part of the two thousand hours is more than ten years old, an additional three hundred hours of recent (occurring in the last two years) occupational experience is required.

(b) Candidates for the initial certificate shall complete a professional educator standards board approved program under WAC 181-77A-029.

(c) In addition, candidates for initial certification in career choices or coordinator of worksite learning shall demonstrate competency in knowledge and skills described in WAC 181-77A-180.

(2) **Initial renewal.** Candidates for renewal of the initial certificate must complete ten quarter hours of credit or one hundred continuing education credit hours of career and technical education educator training in the subject matter certified to teach since the initial certificate was issued or renewed, or four professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete the necessary continuing education credit hours needed to be the equivalent of one hundred continuing education credit hours.

Application for renewals shall not be submitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the current certificate.

Expired certificates may be renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours within the previous five years from the date of the renewal application, or by completing four professional growth plans. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credit hours needed to be the equivalent of one hundred continuing education credit hours.

An expired certificate may be renewed by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruction of completing the continuing education credit hours or professional growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application.

(3) **Continuing.**

(a) Candidates for the continuing certificate shall have in addition to the requirements for the initial certificate at least one of the following:

(i) Fifteen quarter hours or one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours of career and technical education educator training

in the career and technical education subject matter to be certified completed subsequent to the issuance of the initial certificate; or

(ii) Hold a valid national board certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in any certificate area.

(b) Candidates for the continuing certificate shall provide as a condition for the issuance of a continuing certificate documentation of two years full-time equivalency (FTE) of teaching/coordination in the career and technical education subject matter certified to teach with an authorized employer (i.e., school district(s) or skills center(s)).

**(4) Continuing certificate renewal.**

(a) Candidates for renewal of the continuing certificate shall complete since the previous continuing certificate was issued:

(i) Ten quarter hours or one hundred continuing education credit hours of career and technical education educator training, or four professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete the necessary continuing education credit hours needed to be the equivalent of one hundred continuing education credit hours.

(ii) Application for renewals shall not be submitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the current certificate.

(iii) Expired certificates may be renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours within the previous five years from the date of the renewal application, or by completing four professional growth plans. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete the necessary continuing education credit hours needed to be the equivalent of one hundred continuing education credit hours.

(iv) An expired certificate may be renewed by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruction of completing the continuing education credit hours or professional growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application.

(b) Continuing education or professional growth plans for teachers at the elementary and secondary levels in STEM-related subjects must include a specific focus on the integration of science, mathematics, technology, and engineering instruction as per RCW 28A.410.2212. This renewal requirement applies to career and technical education endorsement areas. This STEM continuing education requirement for certificate renewal is as described in WAC 181-85-075(6).

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