

Item 11:
**Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Proposed
Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of
Classroom Teaching Certificates**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

SUMMARY: This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss and propose amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates. The proposed amendments to 19 TAC §§233.5, 233.8, 233.10, and 233.14 would update the list of courses eligible to be taught with these certificates, identify any additional requirements to obtain certification, provide guidance to districts on special education assignments, and establish a new Dance: Grades 6-12 certificate.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: The statutory authority for 19 TAC Chapter 233 is the Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.044(e) and (f), and 21.048(a).

TEC, §21.003(a), states that a person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or school counselor by a school district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or permit issued as provided by the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.

TEC, §21.031, authorizes the SBEC to regulate and oversee all aspects of the certification, continuing education, and standards of conduct of public school educators and states that in proposing rules under the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, the SBEC shall ensure that all candidates for certification or renewal of certification demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the performance of the diverse student population of this state.

TEC, §21.041(b)(1), requires the SBEC to propose rules that provide for the regulation of educators and the general administration of the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, in a manner consistent with the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.

TEC, §21.041(b)(2), requires the SBEC to propose rules that specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates.

TEC, §21.041(b)(3), requires the SBEC to propose rules that specify the period for which each class of educator certificate is valid.

TEC, §21.041(b)(4), requires the SBEC to propose rules that specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate.

TEC, §21.041(b)(6), requires the SBEC to propose rules that provide for special or restricted certification of educators, including certification of instructors of American Sign Language.

TEC, §21.044(e), provides the requirements that SBEC rules must specify for a person to obtain a certificate to teach a health science technology education course.

TEC, §21.044(f), provides that SBEC rules for obtaining a certificate to teach a health science technology education course shall not specify that a person must have a bachelor's degree or establish any other credential or teaching experience requirements that exceed the requirements under TEC, §21.044(e).

TEC, §21.048(a), requires the SBEC to propose rules prescribing comprehensive examinations for each class of certificate issued by the SBEC. TEC, §21.048(a), also specifies that the commissioner of education shall determine the satisfactory level of performance required for each certification examination and require a satisfactory level of examination performance in each core subject covered by the generalist certification examination.

EFFECTIVE DATE: If approved for filing as proposed in August 2016 and if adopted, subject to State Board of Education (SBOE) review, at the October 2016 SBEC meeting, the proposed effective date of the proposed amendments to 19 TAC §§233.5, 233.8, 233.10, and 233.14 would be December 27, 2016 (20 days after filing as adopted with the *Texas Register*). The proposed effective date is also based on the SBEC and SBOE meeting schedules.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: The TEC, §21.041(b)(2), authorizes the SBEC to adopt rules that specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates. The SBEC rules in 19 TAC Chapter 233 establish the general categories of classroom teaching certificates, specific grade levels and subject areas of classroom certificates, and the general area(s) of assignments that may be taught by the holder of each certificate.

The proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, shown in Attachment II, would amend language to expand the list of courses eligible to be taught by holders of specific certificates, would provide guidance to districts on special education assignments, and would establish a new standard certificate for Dance: Grades 6-12.

§233.5. Technology Applications and Computer Science

Language would be amended in subsection (c) to expand the list of courses referenced as eligible to be taught by individuals with computer science certification. TEA staff has worked closely with the TEA Curriculum Division to confirm holders of the computer science certificate have the knowledge and skills necessary to teach the following courses for Grades 9-12: Computer Science I, II, and III; Digital Forensics; Robotics Programming and Design; Fundamentals of Computer Science; Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles; Game Programming and Design; and Mobile Application Development.

§233.8. Special Education

The proposed amendment to subsection (a) would specify that anyone delivering content instruction in a special education setting would be required to hold a special education certificate and a valid classroom certificate that matches the subject and grade level of the assignment. The addition of this requirement to also hold a valid classroom certificate parallels the federal requirements for special education that were implemented as part of the highly qualified (HQ) requirements under No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Effective with the 2016-2017 school year, federal requirements are no longer in place and districts must now rely solely on certification rules. The proposed amendment would clarify that individuals assigned to deliver content instruction in a special education setting be certified in special education and the specific content area being taught. Numerous districts have expressed a need for guidance from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and flexibility to address the critical staffing shortage of special education teachers.

In addition, language would be included to allow individuals to demonstrate competency through the state's 2010 and 2011 high, objective, and uniform standard evaluation for elementary and secondary special education teachers as suggested by The Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education. These proposed changes in rule would be necessary to provide districts the ability to retain teachers already qualified for special education assignments under the federal requirements and ensure that students in special education settings continue to receive the support they need from teachers who have appropriate content knowledge. The proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, which would also address eligibility for placement into special education assignments, will be presented as part of a separate item in this agenda. The proposed change to 19 TAC §231.611 would include identical language being proposed in this agenda item.

§233.10. Fine Arts

Proposed new subsection (e) would add the new certificate for Dance: Grades 6-12. Language had previously been amended in subsection (d) to specify that Dance, Middle School 1-3 courses for Grades 6-8 would be taught by the holder of a Dance: Grades 8-12 certificate. Language in subsection (d) would be added to establish a deadline of August 31, 2018, for candidates to complete all requirements for issuance of the last group of Dance: Grades 8-12 certificate the SBEC will issue and a deadline of October 30, 2018, for candidates and EPPs to submit completed applications to the TEA.

The proposed assignment for the new Dance: Grades 6-12 certificate will be presented as part of a separate item in this agenda proposing revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, to ensure courses approved by the SBOE were included in SBEC rules and that the rules identified the appropriate teaching certificate needed for these course assignments. Initially, there were no plans to develop a new certification examination when the SBEC approved rule changes to allow the Dance: Grades 8-12 certificate to satisfy the requirement to teach Dance, Middle School 1-3 courses for Grades 6-8. However, now that a new certification examination for Dance: Grades 6-12 will be available in early 2017, a new Dance: Grades 6-12 certificate would need to be added. The proposed amendment would allow Dance: Grades 8-12 certificate holders who are currently placed in assignments to teach Dance, Middle School 1-3 courses for Grades 6-8 to remain eligible for that assignment; however, once the Dance: Grades 6-12 examination and the Dance: Grades 6-12 certificate are available in

2017, all individuals interested in teaching Dance, Middle School 1-3 courses for Grades 6-8 must hold the Dance: Grades 6-12 certificate.

§233.14. Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area)

Language would be amended in subsection (h)(1) to add Health Science Technology Education: Grades 8-12, Health Science: Grades 6-12, and Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 to the list of career and technical education certificates eligible to pursue under the route of certification by examination. The requirements for Health Science certification mandated in the TEC must still be met, but individuals with the required licensure and years of experience that already hold classroom certification in another area will have a new option for pursuing this certification. TEA staff understands the increased demand on districts to provide trade and industrial education (TIE) classes and the ongoing challenges that districts continue to face with staffing individuals for TIE assignments. While it remains critical that individuals assigned to teach TIE courses know their trade and have experience in the area, the proposed amendment would offer more flexibility in obtaining TIE certification for individuals already certified in another classroom certificate area. Prior to receiving approval to take the Trade and Industrial Education Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities test, individuals must obtain support from a district to verify they have the appropriate work experience and licensure for the specific trade. The proposed changes regarding health science technology education, health science, and trade and industrial education will be presented as part of a separate item in this agenda proposing revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, that would address the list of certificates eligible to be obtained through additional certification by examination.

In addition, language in §233.14(f) would be modified to remove dates that would have passed by the effective date of the proposed amendments.

FISCAL IMPACT: The TEA staff has determined that there is no additional fiscal impact on state and local governments and there are no additional costs to persons or entities required to comply with the proposed rule actions. In addition, there is no direct adverse economic impact for small businesses and microbusinesses; therefore, no regulatory flexibility analysis, specified in Texas Government Code, §2006.002, is required. There is no effect on local economy; therefore, no local employment statement is required under Texas Government Code, §2001.022.

PUBLIC AND STUDENT BENEFIT: The public and student benefit anticipated as a result of the proposed amendments to 19 TAC §§233.5, 233.8, 233.10, and 233.14 would be the continued issuance of classroom teaching certificates to eligible individuals.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS: The proposed rule actions would have no additional procedural and reporting implications.

LOCALLY MAINTAINED PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS: The proposed rule actions would have no additional locally maintained paperwork requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public comment period on the proposal begins August 26, 2016, and ends September 26, 2016. The SBEC will take registered oral and written comments on this

item at the October 7, 2016 meeting in accordance with the SBEC board operating policies and procedures.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that the State Board for Educator Certification:

Approve the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, to be published as proposed in the *Texas Register*.

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Attachments: I. Statutory Citations
II. Text of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates

ATTACHMENT I**Statutory Citations Relating to Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233,
Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates****Texas Education Code, §21.003, Certification Required (excerpt):**

- (a) A person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or school counselor by a school district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or permit issued as provided by Subchapter B.

Texas Education Code, §21.031, Purpose:

- (a) The State Board for Educator Certification is established to recognize public school educators as professionals and to grant educators the authority to govern the standards of their profession. The board shall regulate and oversee all aspects of the certification, continuing education, and standards of conduct of public school educators.
- (b) In proposing rules under this subchapter, the board shall ensure that all candidates for certification or renewal of certification demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the performance of the diverse student population of this state.

Texas Education Code, §21.041, Rules; Fees (excerpt):

- (b) The board shall propose rules that:
 - (1) provide for the regulation of educators and the general administration of this subchapter in a manner consistent with this subchapter;
 - (2) specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates;
 - (3) specify the period for which each class of educator certificate is valid;
 - (4) specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate;
 - (6) provide for special or restricted certification of educators, including certification of instructors of American Sign Language;

Texas Education Code, §21.044, Educator Preparation (excerpts):

- (e) In proposing rules under this section for a person to obtain a certificate to teach a health science technology education course, the board shall specify that a person must have:
 - (1) an associate degree or more advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education;
 - (2) current licensure, certification, or registration as a health professions practitioner issued by a nationally recognized accrediting agency for health professionals; and
 - (3) at least two years of wage earning experience utilizing the licensure requirement.
- (f) The board may not propose rules for a certificate to teach a health science technology education course that specify that a person must have a bachelor's degree or that establish any other credential or teaching experience requirements that exceed the requirements under Subsection (e).

Texas Education Code, §21.048, Certification Examinations (excerpt):

- (a) The board shall propose rules prescribing comprehensive examinations for each class of certificate issued by the board. The commissioner shall determine the satisfactory level of performance required for each certification examination. For the issuance of a generalist certificate, the commissioner shall require a satisfactory level of examination performance in each core subject covered by the examination.

ATTACHMENT II
Text of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC

Chapter 233. Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates

§233.5. Technology Applications and Computer Science.

- (a) Technology Applications: Grades 8-12. The Technology Applications: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than June 1, 2001. The holder of the Technology Applications: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach Technology Applications in Grade 8 and the following technology applications courses in Grades 9-12: desktop publishing, digital graphics/animation, multimedia, video technology, web mastering, and independent study in technology applications. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Technology Applications: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2018. All applications must be complete and received by the Texas Education Agency by October 30, 2018.
- (b) Technology Applications: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Technology Applications: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Technology Applications: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may teach the technology applications curriculum in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and Grades 1-12, with the exception of Computer Science I and II.
- (c) Computer Science: Grades 8-12. The Computer Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than June 1, 2001. The holder of the Computer Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach Computer Science I, ~~and~~ II, and III in Grades 8-12 and the following courses in Grades 9-12: Digital Forensics, Robotics Programming and Design, Fundamentals of Computer Science, Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles, Game Programming and Design, and Mobile Application Development.

§233.8. Special Education.

- (a) Special Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Special Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2003. The holder of the Special Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may teach at any level of a basic special education instructional program serving eligible students 3-21 years of age, unless otherwise specified in §89.1131 of this title (relating to Qualifications of Special Education, Related Service, and Paraprofessional Personnel). If an individual is providing content instruction in a special education classroom setting, a valid certificate that matches the subject and grade level of the assignment is also required, or the individual must demonstrate competency through the state's 2010 and 2011 high, objective, and uniform standard evaluation for elementary and secondary special education teachers.
- (b) Special Education Supplemental. The Special Education Supplemental certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2003. The holder of the Special Education Supplemental certificate may teach in a special education instructional program serving eligible students at the same grade levels and in the content area(s) of the holder's base certificate, unless otherwise specified in §89.1131 of this title.
- (c) Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach at any level in a special education instructional program serving eligible students, unless otherwise specified in §89.1131 of this title.
- (d) Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Supplemental: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Supplemental: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Supplemental: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach at any level in a special education instructional program serving eligible students, unless otherwise specified in §89.1131 of this title.

§233.10. Fine Arts.

- (a) Music: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Music: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Music: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach music in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (b) Art: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Art: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Art: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach art in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (c) Theatre: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Theatre: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Theatre: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach theatre in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12. The holder of the Theatre: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is also eligible to teach Musical Theatre, Grades 9-12.
- (d) Dance: Grades 8-12. The Dance: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Dance: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach all dance courses in Grades 8-12. The holder of the Dance: Grades 8-12 certificate is also eligible to teach Dance, Middle School 1-3 courses for Grades 6-8. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Dance: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2018. All applications must be complete and received by the Texas Education Agency by October 30, 2018.
- (e) Dance: Grades 6-12. The Dance: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than March 1, 2017. The holder of the Dance: Grades 6-12 certificate is eligible to teach all dance courses in Grades 6-12.

§233.14. Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area).

- (a) All individuals seeking a career and technical education certificate specified in this section must have the required number of years of qualified work experience and preparation in a skill area approved in accordance with the provisions of subsection (h) of this section prior to issuance of the certificate and assignment in a Texas school.
- (b) Marketing Education: Grades 8-12. The Marketing Education: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. A candidate must meet the requirements for a Marketing Education: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2017. All applications must be complete and received by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by October 30, 2017. The holder of the Marketing Education: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach all marketing education courses in Grades 8-12. A candidate for the Marketing Education: Grades 8-12 certificate must:
 - (1) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB); and
 - (2) have two years of full-time wage-earning experience in a marketing occupation as specified in subsection (h) of this section.
- (c) Marketing: Grades 6-12. The Marketing: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. The holder of the Marketing: Grades 6-12 certificate is eligible to teach all marketing courses in Grades 6-12. A candidate for the Marketing: Grades 6-12 certificate must:
 - (1) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB; and
 - (2) have two years of full-time wage-earning experience in a marketing occupation as specified in subsection (h) of this section.
- (d) Health Science Technology Education: Grades 8-12. A standard Health Science Technology Education: Grades 8-12 certificate shall be based on experience and academic preparation in the skill area. A candidate must meet the requirements for a standard Health Science Technology Education: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2017. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2017.
 - (1) The standard Health Science Technology Education: Grades 8-12 certificate shall require the following:

- (A) an associate or more advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB;
 - (B) current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency as a health professions practitioner; and
 - (C) approval, by the certification officer of an approved educator preparation program (EPP), of two years of wage-earning experience using the licensure requirement described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.
- (2) The standard Health Science Technology Education: Grades 8-12 certificate curricula shall be based on the standards approved by the State Board for Educator Certification. A candidate for this certificate must pass the appropriate certification examinations.
- (e) Health Science: Grades 6-12 certificate. The standard Health Science: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. A standard Health Science: Grades 6-12 certificate shall be based on experience and academic preparation in the skill area.
- (1) The standard Health Science: Grades 6-12 certificate shall require the following:
- (A) an associate or more advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB;
 - (B) current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency as a health professions practitioner; and
 - (C) approval, by the certification officer of an approved EPP, of two years of full-time wage-earning experience using the licensure requirement described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.
- (2) The standard Health Science: Grades 6-12 certificate curricula shall be based on the standards approved by the State Board for Educator Certification. A candidate for this certificate must pass the appropriate certification examinations.
- (f) Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate. A standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate shall be based on academic preparation and experience in the skill areas to be taught and completion of specified pedagogy and professional responsibilities training. ~~[A candidate must meet the requirements for a standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate by August 31, 2016. All applications must be complete and received by the TEA by October 30, 2016.]~~
- (1) The standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate shall require the following academic preparation and wage-earning experience.
- (A) Option I. An individual must:
 - (i) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB; and
 - (ii) have two years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past ten years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate. Up to 18 months of the wage-earning experience can be met through a formal documented internship.
 - (B) Option II. An individual must:
 - (i) hold an associate degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB; and

- (ii) have two years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past ten years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate.
- (C) Option III. An individual must:
 - (i) hold a high school diploma or the equivalent; and
 - (ii) have five years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past eight years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate.
- (2) The standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate shall require current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency based on a recognized test or measurement. If the licensure, certification, or registration is not based on a recognized test or measurement, then passing the appropriate National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) assessment is required. A cosmetology teacher must hold a current cosmetology instructor license issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.
- (3) An individual must complete one year of creditable classroom teaching experience, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title (relating to Commissioner's Rules on Creditable Years of Service), on an emergency permit or probationary certificate in the specific area of trade and industrial education.
- (4) The holder of a standard or provisional Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 8-12 certificate or Vocational Trades and Industry certificate may be approved for additional trade and industrial education assignments provided he or she meets the required number of years of wage-earning experience as indicated in this subsection. Work experience must be approved according to the provisions of this subsection. The EPP must submit a statement of qualifications to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) within 60 calendar days of approval.
- (g) Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate. The certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. A standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate shall be based on academic preparation and experience in the skill areas to be taught and completion of specified pedagogy and professional responsibilities training.
 - (1) The standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate shall require the following academic preparation and wage-earning experience.
 - (A) Option I. An individual must:
 - (i) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB; and
 - (ii) have two years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past ten years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate. Up to 18 months of the wage-earning experience can be met through a formal documented internship.
 - (B) Option II. An individual must:
 - (i) hold an associate degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB; and
 - (ii) have two years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past ten years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The

- experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate.
- (C) Option III. An individual must:
- (i) hold a high school diploma or the equivalent; and
 - (ii) have five years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past ten years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate.
- (2) The standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate shall require current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency based on a recognized test or measurement. If the licensure, certification, or registration is not based on a recognized test or measurement, then passing the appropriate NOCTI assessment is required. A cosmetology teacher must hold a current cosmetology instructor license issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.
- (3) An individual must complete one year of creditable classroom teaching experience, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title, on an emergency permit or probationary certificate in the specific area of trade and industrial education.
- (4) The holder of a standard or provisional Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate or Vocational Trades and Industry certificate may be approved for additional trade and industrial education assignments provided he or she meets the required number of years of wage-earning experience as indicated in this subsection. Work experience must be approved according to the provisions of this subsection. The EPP must submit a statement of qualifications to the TEA within 60 calendar days of approval.
- (h) Career and technical education certificates. Approval of career and technical education certificates in this section shall be based on prior experience and preparation in a skill area.
- (1) Prospective career and technical education teachers shall submit a statement of qualifications detailing prior experience and skill area preparation to the EPP approved to prepare teachers for the career and technical education certificate sought. The certification officer of the EPP shall review the applicant's statement of qualifications to determine whether the applicant meets the appropriate approval criteria specified in this subsection. In the case of an educator who otherwise qualifies for certification by examination in Marketing Education: Grades 8-12, ~~and~~ Marketing: Grades 6-12, Health Science Technology Education: Grades 8-12, Health Science: Grades 6-12, or Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12, the review and approval of required work experience may be performed by a certified school administrator.
 - (2) Under this subsection, 12 months of wage-earning experience consisting of at least 40 hours per week shall equal one year of full-time experience. Wage-earning experience consisting of less than 40 hours, but at least 20 hours per week, shall be calculated at a 50% rate in determining years of full-time experience. Wage-earning experience consisting of less than 20 hours per week shall not be considered acceptable in determining full-time experience.
 - (3) Postsecondary and proprietary school teaching experience in the specific occupational area for which the candidate is seeking certification may be counted on a year-for-year basis in lieu of on-the-job experience. Proprietary schools must be accredited or otherwise approved by the Texas Workforce Commission. Recency of experience requirements must be met, as well as current licensure, certification, or registration by a state or nationally recognized accrediting agency.