

CTE-Eligible Credentials

From the *Federal Perkins V State Plan* (formerly the *California State Plan for CTE*), page 57, CTE programs must:
 “Be staffed by qualified CTE teachers, meaning teachers (1) who possess a standard secondary, single-subject, or designated-subject CTE credential that authorizes the teaching of the CTE course(s) to which assigned, and (2) who can document employment experience, outside of education, in the career pathway addressed by the program or other evidence of equivalent proficiency.

The California Commission on Teaching Credential (CCTC) “[Administrators Assignment Manual](#),” enacting [Education Code §§ 44260.9](#), establishes that a CTE or vocational class is a setting, content, and grade level that warrants its own credential type (Administrators Assignment Manual, pps 7-9) called the **Career Technical Education Teaching Credential**. It has been issued under various names over the years:

- Designated Subjects Career Technical Education Teaching Credential
- Designated Subjects Teaching Credential
- Designated Subjects Vocational Education Teaching Credential

The CCTC shows the alignment between the fifteen different subject authorizations of the CTE credential with the 15 industry sectors defined by the California State Plan for CTE and adopted by the State Board of Education in form [CL-888](#). ([Industry Sectors Poster](#), [CTE Model Curriculum Standards](#), [Industry Sector Leads](#))

Three to five years of industry experience (one year = 1,000hrs) is required to get CTE credentials, which are issued by County Offices of Education.

CCR §80004 designates five single subject credentials as CTE-eligible. 5 CCR §80005 lists the subject authorizations for each, which infers their industry authorizations. **Having a CTE-eligible single subject credential does not relieve the teacher of the responsibility to have the industry experience required by the State Plan.**

These CTE-Eligible Single Subject Credentials	Align to these Industry Sectors
BOTH Agriculture Education AND Agriculture Specialist*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and Natural Resources
Business Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business and Finance • Information and Communications Technologies • Marketing, Sales, and Services
Home Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education, Child Development, and Family Services • Fashion and Interior Design • Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
Industrial and Technology Education or Industrial Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts, Media, & Entertainment (all pathways except Performing Arts, per 5 CCR §80005) • Building and Construction Trades • Energy, Environment, and Utilities • Engineering and Architecture • Information and Communications Technologies • Manufacturing and Product Development** • Transportation

* To be CTE-eligible for Agriculture & Natural Resources, the teacher must hold BOTH a single subject “Agriculture” AND the “Agriculture Specialist” credential.

** The “Graphic Production Technologies” pathway under the Manufacturing and Product Development sector CANNOT cover video production. That is a topic that supports the standards of the Arts, Media, & Entertainment sector, and not the Manufacturing and Product Development sector.