



CTE Credentialing Task Force - Colorado CTE State Plan

The Colorado Community College System Career and Technical Education Credentialing department has formed a Task Force to review current credentialing practices and policies for CTE approved programs at the secondary and postsecondary levels. High school and community college educators attended the kick-off meeting Nov. 17.

The CTE Credentialing Task Force is measuring the value of the current procedures before making any recommendations on the following credentialing requirements:

- related, non-teaching occupational experience;
- teacher education level;
- CTE specific coursework; and,
- the application process to submit and receive a credential.

The credentialing process was separated into "Tracks" of the most common methods of receiving a credential. On our website each "Track" lists the **current** credentialing requirements within the applicable CTE approved program areas.

This is where you come in, we need you to look at the current process new teachers follow when applying for a credential. Please look at your respective tracks (either secondary or postsecondary) and complete the surveys for each by Jan.31. Track Leaders for each track will compile answers and comments and submit them to the Credentialing Task Force.

Here is a link to the website: <http://www.coloradostateplan.com/>

If you have technical questions or questions about this process, please contact the CCCS Credentialing Office at credential@cccs.edu

Please note: these Tracks apply to new teachers without the Career and Technical Education content offered at CSU.

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U.S. Dept. of Ed to Host National Strategic Planning Meeting, March 19-20

The U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Division of Academic and Technical Education will host a National Strategic Planning Meeting, "Making Connections: Education and Career Development," for state career resource

network, guidance and counseling, and career technical education directors, March 19 and 20, at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, VA. Registration information will be included in forthcoming issues of *CTE Trends*.

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Littleton Middle School Teacher Given Colorado "Teacher Excellence" Award

Travis Amonson, Technology teacher at Goddard Middle School in Littleton Public Schools, was presented the Colorado "Teacher Excellence" award by the Colorado Technology Education Association (CTEA), Nov 10, 2006. The award recognizes excellence in technology education. The Teacher Excellence Award is one of the highest honors given to Technology Education classroom teachers and is presented in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the profession and his students. Amonson will be recognized at the International Technology Education Association Conference in San Antonio, March 15 through 17.

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Palisades High School Construction, FBLA Students Aid Homeless Shelter

Construction Technology students and the FBLA Chapter at Palisades High School in Palisades, CO, completed project in the fall to help the homeless and the Homeward Bound homeless shelter in Grand Junction. Using grant funds, the students purchased materials to build room dividers/storage bins for the shelter. The first of eight dividers were delivered to the facility in early December. They are designed to be easily moved during the day to allow for cleaning and other activities.

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Third Annual "Programs & Practices that Work" Award: Applications are due Jan. 15

The National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity, the National Women's Law Center, the Association for Career and Technical Education, and the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium are accepting nominations for the Third Annual "Programs and Practices that Work" award that recognizes local or state educational agencies across the country that have implemented effective programs and practices for improving access and success of students pursuing careers nontraditional for their gender. Each year the annual award garners attention from advocates, CTE professionals, legislators and the media.

The winners of the 2007 award will be announced and recognized at several conferences in the spring attended by professionals committed to CTE programs. In addition, the NWLC and its partners will release a report and hold a press briefing to educate the public about strategies to increase girls' participation in nontraditional career and technical education courses.

To learn more and for an application, visit
http://www.napequity.org/nape_programsthatwork.html

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CACTA Mid-Winter Conference for Feb. 14-16

The Colorado Association for Career and Technical Administrators (CACTA) Mid-Winter Conference, "Perkins 4.0: The Colorado Promise," is set for Feb. 14 through 16 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs. Member registration fee is \$150 and non-members \$250. Conference highlights will include extensive professional development centered around Perkins IV. For registration information, please contact Glen March at 303-734-3871. Other questions can be directed to Karen Ellis (720-423-4868) or Steve Alkire (970-339-6444). For reservations at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort call 800-428-8886.

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Colorado Young Farmers to Meet in Feb.

More than 175 members, advisors, sponsors and guests from chapters throughout the state are expected to attend the Thirty-Eighth Colorado Young Farmers Educational Association Institute Feb. 2-3 at The Academy Hotel in Colorado Springs.

Members of the Front Range Chapter from Fort Lupton and Brighton are serving as the institute hosts. State officers coordinating the Institute activities include: President – Lani Michel, Atwood, Northeastern Junior College Chapter; Northeastern Vice President – Maureen Whittington, Fleming, Northeastern Junior College Chapter; Western Vice President – Brittany Kokes, Crook, Northeastern Junior College Chapter; Secretary – Greg Wright, Brighton, Front Range Chapter; Treasurer – Eric Kipp, Yuma, Yuma Chapter; Reporter – Lynn Wright, Brighton, Front Range Chapter and Immediate Past President – Dale Whittington, Fleming, Northeastern Junior College Chapter.

The delegates representing their respective chapters will elect officers for the 2007-08 year, select the location of the 2008 Institute and discuss other business pertaining to the Association.

"National Animal Identification System" is a workshop scheduled for Feb. 2 to be presented by John Heller, Animal ID Coordinator with the Colorado Department of Agriculture. The luncheon speaker will be John Schaffner from Wray, performing poetry entitled, "How the Cowboy Poet Won the West."

The 2007 Colorado Spokesperson for Agriculture contest will be held Saturday morning. Speakers representing their respective chapters from throughout Colorado will compete and the winner will represent Colorado at the national contest in Dec. in Tucson.

"State Officer-Be One," the Saturday afternoon workshop, will feature a panel of state officers.

The Saturday evening Awards Banquet will include ceremonies to honor award recipients: Honorary Members, Outstanding Chapter Community Service Award, Outstanding Chapter Winner and Runner-Up, Outstanding Advisor, Outstanding Agri-Business Award, Outstanding Agri-Service Award and Outstanding Western,

Southeastern and Northeastern Young Farmers. The Case IH tractor scholarship auction will also be a highlight of the banquet activities.

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Colorado CTE Event Calendar

For upcoming meetings and events related to career and technical education, please see our online Colorado CTE Event Calendar at www.calendarwiz.com/ctecalendar. You will see a drop down calendar category choice, which will let you limit the event types you would like to view to "General CTE" or "Career and Technical Student Organizations" or "All" events. Just click on an event to see a pop up window with event details such as event contacts, location, maps, websites, etc. You even have the ability to download events directly to your personal Outlook calendar. Contact Julie Eddy at julie.eddy@cccs.edu or 303-595-1527 with any questions, comments, or event additions.

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Regional CTE Workshops Slated

Once again, the Colorado Community College System will be in your vicinity with several day-long and half-day "condensed" Career and Technical Education workshops that provide CTE educators an opportunity to meet with the state CTE (Career and Technical Education) staff. The workshops will cover a range of topics including the impact of Education Reform on CTE, the development of the new Perkins State Plan, how to measure program effectiveness, and how to develop a five-year plan.

Graduate continuing education credit through Colorado State University will be available for full-day workshops. All attendees will be reimbursed for their mileage to and from workshop locations. Those attending the Denver workshop at the Community College of Denver will also be reimbursed for their parking at Auraria. Districts may apply for substitute pay reimbursement.

Full-day workshops will be from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and half-day workshops will be held from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Participants at the half-day workshops will have the opportunity to network or take a campus tour following the workshop.

Dates and locations for the full-day workshops are:

Jan. 26 Aims Community College, Greeley

Dates and locations for the half-day workshops are:

- 1) Jan. 19 Community College of Denver
- 2) Feb. 2 Red Rocks Community College
- 3) Feb. 23 San Juan Basin Technical College, Cortez

Please note that the Cortez and Denver dates have changed since our original workshop announcement was distributed.

To find out more about the workshops, download an agenda or an application for substitute pay reimbursement, or to register online, go to <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/Workshops.html>.

For more information, contact Gail Anderson (303-595-1616), Darrell Green (303-595-1580), Patsy Krechel (720-858-2746), Cindy Le Coq (303-595-1590), Scott Stump (303-595-1578) or Pat Sagrillo (303-595-1568).

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VE-135 Follow-up Due Soon

Attention all institutions with approved CTE programs! By now you should have begun the process of gathering placement data on your past year program completers as part of the VE-135 Follow-up **due March 1**. ALL institutions with active CTE programs are required to report this data even if you do not receive CVA or Perkins funding.

The VE-135 website is at <https://ve135.cccs.edu> (new URL). 2006-2007 VE-130 Teacher Updates and VE-135 Follow-up and Enrollment data can all be entered onto the website at this time.

If you have any questions about reporting either the VE-130 or VE-135, please contact Julie Eddy at julie.eddy@cccs.edu or 303-595-1527.

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Electronic Revisions for Program Approvals

All revisions to existing CTE programs must be entered in the electronic Program Approval system at www.cccs.edu. Click on Career and Technical Education and follow the Program Approval prompts. If you need assistance, contact Victoria Ekelund at (303) 595-1613.

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Valuable CTE Websites

CTE Directory: http://www.cccs.edu/Docs/CTE/Voc_Director_Directory.pdf

Secondary CTE Job Board: <http://www.cccs.edu/HR/CTE-JobBoard.html>

Colorado Community College System: <http://www.cccs.edu/>

Credentialing Office: <http://www.coloradocredentialing.org/>

CTE Forms and Reports from CCCS: <http://www.cccs.edu/CTE/FormsReports.html>

FCCLA: www.fccla.cccs.edu

Colorado DECA: www.deca.cccs.edu

Colorado DECA Newsletter: <http://www.deca.cccs.edu/NEWSLETTER.HTM>

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FBLA Newsletter: <http://www.fbla-pbl.cccs.edu/newsletters.htm>

FFA: <http://www.njc.edu/ffa/>

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CACTE: www.cacte.org

TSA Colorado: <http://www.cotsa.cccs.edu/>

ACTE: www.acteonline.org

E-Colorado: <http://www.e-colorado.org>

Colorado Technology Education Association: www.cteonline.org

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