



Department of Career and Technical Education

Program Approval Policy

Requirements for an approvable instructional program

- Credits - A minimum of 2 credits per year must be taught
 - Trade & Industry programs must offer a minimum of 3 sequential credits
 - Distance learning exception – a receiving school may receive reimbursement for a course as long as it originates from an approved program. Distance courses **MAY** be counted as part of the 2 credit sequence for program approval purposes.
- Class Size (9-12 enrollment)
 - Minimum of 7 students in each course for schools with more than 100 students
 - Minimum average of 7 students per course for schools with 50-100 students
 - No minimum for schools with fewer than 50 students
- CTE certified teacher, which includes a provisionally licensed Praxis teacher
 - Refer to teacher certification requirements for specific service area (www.nd.gov/cte/teacher-cert)
- Curriculum
 - Must be based on state, national, or industry standards for each program area
- Facilities and equipment
 - Adequate as determined by program standards
 - Barrier-free facility
- Advisory Committee
 - Each program must have an active advisory committee but the committee may be combined to serve multiple CTE programs – with a minimum of three representatives from each CTE program – unless program standards require a separate committee to serve a specific program.
 - Committees must meet, at a minimum, two times a year.

Requirements for an approvable career development program

- CTE credentialed counselor (see requirements for Career Development at www.nd.gov/cte/teacher-cert)
- Program of Work that incorporates ND Career Development Standards (curriculum framework at <http://www.nd.gov/cte/services/standards/docs/careerdevelopment.pdf>)
- Adequate facilities and equipment as determined by program standards
- Advisory Committee (see above)
- Career Development Programs are in grades 7-12 and may be funded with state or federal funds.

Timeline for new/expanded program applications

- April - Applications due for the following year by submitting forms:
(forms are located at <http://www.nd.gov/cte/forms/>)
 - SFN 15274 – [Funding Application Cover Sheet](#)
 - SFN 15275 - [Funding Application Budget](#)
- May/June - Applications reviewed by State Board for CTE
 - Schools/institutions are notified of funding status approval or disapproval by the CTE fiscal office
 - Newly funded programs will receive an annual plan budget
- September/October - If funds permit, new program funding requests may also be considered at this time.
- Exception to new program application process – Based on agency approval, an LEA may move funding from one program area to another as long as the new program meets all criteria and it is funded at the same reimbursement rate. (See reimbursement rate sheet at: [https://www.cte.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Budget%20%26%20Finance/State-Carl%20Perkins/Reimbursement State Policy.pdf](https://www.cte.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Budget%20%26%20Finance/State-Carl%20Perkins/Reimbursement%20State%20Policy.pdf))

Supporting policy guidelines

Programs may be approved but not funded due to availability of funds. Due to limited availability, state funding is limited to approved costs in programs for grades 9-12, except in the case of a Career Development program that includes grades 7-12.

It is the policy of the State Board not to fund new programs at the expense of existing programs. However, once funding has been approved by the State Board, reimbursement rates may be reduced in subsequent years for existing programs, if funding is not available to maintain current reimbursement rates.

If a deficiency occurs after a program has been approved, there is a one-year grace period to allow a school or institution to correct the deficiency.

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