



SECONDARY TEACHER CREDENTIAL
TRADE, INDUSTRY, TECHNICAL & HEALTH SCIENCE EDUCATION
Department of Career & Technical Education
(Revised 09/2023)

Forms and additional information can be found on our website at: <https://www.cte.nd.gov/teacher-licensing>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (701) 328-3178 or tmbecker@nd.gov.

New Applicant Checklist

There is a 2-step process to receive a credential, you need to apply with Education Standards & Practices Board (ESPB) and apply with Department of Career & Technical Education. We are two separate agencies.

To receive a 2-year teaching license with a CTE Endorsement you must have been offered a teaching position and complete the following:

With ESPB	
	Online application at: www.nd.gov/espb (You will log in using your ND State Login. If you do not have one, click "Register Now" to obtain one.)
	Fingerprint Kit
	Pay Appropriate Fees

With CTE	
	Application for Secondary Teaching License Application (SFN 61262).
	Upload copies of current trainings/certification/license required for the occupational field you teach in (Ex.: ASE, NATEF, Nursing, etc.) to the application.
	Upload copies of your college transcripts. An unofficial copy is sufficient if it shows correct amount of credit hours.
	Occupational Work Experience Verification Form (SFN 50986). <i>Within the last 8 years verify 8,000 hours of work experience in the occupational field you teach. Applicant completed top portion of the form and your previous employer(s) complete the bottom.</i>

Your teaching license with CTE credential will be online for [ESPB](#).

All first-time applicants receive a 2-year provisional license/credential with will allow time for you to complete the required training to gain classroom management skills and other valuable new educator information. Valley City State University offers a Transition to Teaching course that is sponsored by the Department of CTE that will fulfill this requirement. Through our partnership with VCSU, credit hours are offered at a reduced cost, but the cost of this program is your responsibility.

Please contact Dr. Amber Aberle via email at amber.r.aberle@vcsu.edu or via office number (701) 845-7192 to enroll.

Please keep in mind that you will need to provide the following when your credential expires:

- Verification that you have completed Transition to Teaching.
- Verify 18 months of consecutive full-time teaching.



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Renewal Application Checklist

There is a 2-step process to renew your credential, you need to apply with Education Standards & Practices Board (ESPB) and apply with Department of Career & Technical Education. We are two separate agencies.

To receive a 5-year teaching license with a CTE Endorsement, please complete the following:

With ESPB	
	Online application at: www.nd.gov/espb (You will log in using your ND State Login. If you do not have one, click "Register Now" to obtain one.
	Pay Appropriate Fees

With CTE	
	Secondary Teaching License Renewal Application (SFN 51688)
	Upload copies of current training/certification/license required for the occupational field you teach showing the needed 64 hours professional development (Ex.: ASE, Nursing, etc.) to the application.
	Upload copy of your college transcript showing 6 semester credits. An unofficial copy is sufficient if it shows correct amounts of credit hours.

Your teaching license with CTE credentials will be online from [ESPB](#).

Please keep in mind that you will need to provide the following when your 5-year license expires:

- Verify 64 hours of professional development
- Verify 6 college credits