



Office of CTE Bi-Weekly Update January 21, 2022

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Next Level Programs of Study

NLPS Technical Assistance Survey: Office of CTE staff is continuing to make plans for 2022. Thanks to everyone who has filled out our survey in the last couple of weeks! Our team has been going through the results and thinking through how staff can most effectively support schools and career centers in the transition to NLPS. If you have not done so, **please fill out [the quick survey](#)** to help us plan workshops and other forms of technical assistance.

NLPS Review Document: Several questions have been received regarding updates to the [NLPS Review Document](#). Specifically: When will the document be updated with competencies for NLPS pathways that were finalized this past fall and will be newly available in the 2022-2023 school year? **The anticipated timeline for these updates to be made is late March/early April.**

Examples of these programs include - Computer Science, Dental Careers, Fashion and Textiles, Sport and Human Performance, and Veterinary Science. All new programs are now in the competency vetting process that was used for the first round of NLPS pathways available during this school year. This process includes open surveys (see below) and forming steering committees that include secondary/postsecondary instructors and content specialists. Steering committees will be meeting in February. Finalized competencies for these courses are anticipated to be concluded in March and the Review Document will then be updated.

Until the Review Document is revised, we encourage schools and career centers to use a combination of the [Master Pathways Document](#) and the [CTE Course Titles and Descriptions](#) when planning for the upcoming school year. If you have specific questions, please continue to reach out to CTE@gov.IN.gov.

NLPS Competency Surveys: We need your input! Competency surveys have now been posted at [this link](#) for newly developed NLPS that will be available in the upcoming school year. Your input will be reviewed by the steering committees to help make any adjustments to the competencies for these courses.

Education Professions and Cadet Teaching: Our office has fielded several questions about the possibility of combining the Education Professions NLPS with the Cadet Teaching Experience course as a WBL experience. To help guide schools in making decisions on this matter and other related questions, [this guidance document](#) has been developed. Please reach out to Career Specialist [Enjema Beckley](#) with questions.

NLPS Course Codes: As a reminder, all NLPS Course codes have been updated in both the **NLPS Master Pathways** Document and the **2022-2023 CTE Course Titles and Descriptions** document as of 11/18/21. The updated documents are posted on the [NLPS Resource Page](#).

The Indiana Department of Education comprehensive [Course Titles and Descriptions document](#) has also been updated and all CTE course codes within it are correct.

Industry Certifications Funding

The state plans to soon distribute \$200,000 to schools as a performance award for certifications earned during the 2020-2021 school year. This funding will come from the \$200,000 line item added last year to the current state budget for the purposes of offsetting expenses for Industry Certification exams. Funds will be distributed in the same way as performance award funding for Dual Credits, Credential Attainment and Concentrators. Our team has recently completed data gathering for the 2020-2021 school year. Data gathered on the total number of Graduation Pathway eligible industry certifications earned last year will be utilized to determine funding allotments. **Details are being finalized and will be shared within the next two weeks.**

In addition to the performance awards, the Office of CTE will release a \$300,000 grant to CTE districts for additional support in covering industry certification expenses. This grant will only be available to Perkins eligible recipients. More information will be shared with eligible recipients next week.

Graduation Pathways Eligible Certifications

The following message about the eligibility of certain certifications for Graduation Pathways during this school year was included in the weekly newsletter from the Department of Education last Friday and is shared again here. The message is a clarification to the information shared on this topic in the last bi-weekly update from our office on 1/7.

Graduation Pathways Eligible Certifications: Some questions have been received regarding the [Graduation Pathways Eligible Industry Certifications list](#) released in August 2021. This list was intended to combine the list from 2019-2020 with the addendum that was released for 2020-2021. The second tab of the document contains certifications that were approved for Indiana's promoted certification list but have not been vetted for eligibility toward Graduation Pathways, and as such, are not available for the 2021-2022 school year. Due to confusion regarding this second tab's eligibility, the certifications on this list will be honored for seniors and adults who have already earned, or are currently in pursuit of, one of these credentials in the 2021-2022 school year. If you have questions regarding this list, please contact IndustryCertifications@dwd.in.gov.

CTE Awards for Excellence

Nomination forms remain open for the 2022 CTE Awards for Excellence (AFE) and may be accessed below or on the [CTE website](#). The deadline for nominations is the end of February.

The Awards for Excellence is an annual event put on by the Office of CTE that spotlights excellence in both secondary and postsecondary Career and Technical Education. This year's ceremony is being held in May.

Nominations are being accepted in four categories for both secondary and postsecondary, including students, programs of study, partnerships and career advising. The career advising category has been expanded this year to include postsecondary career advising efforts. Also new this year, we will now accept one nomination per category from any high school or career center, rather than one nomination per category from each secondary CTE district.

- [2022 Secondary CTE Student AFE Nomination](#)
- [2022 Secondary CTE Partnership AFE Nomination](#)
- [2022 Secondary Program of Study/Pathway Nomination](#)
- [2022 Secondary Counseling/Career Advising AFE Nomination](#)
- [2022 Postsecondary CTE Student AFE Nomination](#)
- [2022 Postsecondary CTE Partnership AFE Nomination](#)
- [2022 Postsecondary Program of Study AFE Nomination](#)
- [2022 Postsecondary Counseling/Career Advising AFE Nomination](#)

CTE Nonstandard Course Waivers

Schools can continue to submit CTE Nonstandard Course Waivers (NSCW) for Pilot, Special Topics, and Advanced CTE College Credit courses along with waivers for course requirements. **Waivers should be submitted through InTERS and the deadline for submission is March 31st.** This is earlier than the past couple of years where the deadline was extended into the summer due to COVID-19. This deadline does not apply for Licensure Waivers which may be submitted after this date to help accommodate any last-minute hires. Schools with questions about submitting a NSCW waiver through InTERS should contact their Area CTE Director.

The Office of CTE is working to develop an NLPS adoption form that will be available later this spring. The adoption form will give schools the opportunity to propose modifications to NLPS course sequences. Schools are encouraged to wait and use the adoption form rather than submit a NSCW.

Crossing the Finish Line – Accelerating Credential Completion for High School Students

This summer, thousands of Hoosier high school students will once again have the opportunity to accelerate the completion of a high-demand credential or one year of college credit through a continued partnership between the Indiana Department of Education, the Commission for Higher Education, the GWC, and institutions of higher education.

Later this semester, eligible students will receive emails and mailings directly from the higher education institution with additional registration details. Those who register will receive free tuition, fees, and books. The program will also cover the cost of obtaining transcripts and any required College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests. Stay tuned for additional details in the coming weeks!