



Office of CTE Bi-Weekly Update December 3, 2021

This update is provided by the Indiana Office of Career and Technical Education, housed under the Governor's Workforce Cabinet. The bi-weekly update is the primary way the Office of CTE shares information related to career and technical education with the entire CTE community. We welcome your support in encouraging anyone who would benefit from the information to join our listserv. Individuals can [sign up here](#) and questions regarding content in the update can be directed to CTE@gov.IN.gov.

Indiana CTE Career Guide

As mentioned in our last update, the Indiana CTE Career Guide for the 2022-2023 school year is [now live!](#) The career guide has largely the same content as last year's guide with a few important updates. Those include:

- An updated list of all Next Level Programs of Study pathways on Pages 50-51.
- Several new pathway spotlights - including Industry 4.0 - Smart Manufacturing, Central Service Technician, and Design Technology
- Updates to the NLPS spread on Pages 16-17
- Newly designed front and back covers

New this year, a **Spanish version of the career guide** is being created and will be available in the coming weeks both online and in print. The Spanish version will contain all the same content, simply translated from the English version.

Ordering Print Copies: Both the English and Spanish version are available for [order here](#). This annual resource from the Office of CTE is aimed at students, families, school counselors and CTE instructors. It is one of the best ways to inform each of those groups and other CTE stakeholders about career and technical education in Indiana and we encourage all schools and career centers to consider acquiring some copies. The minimum order for English guides is 250. There is no minimum quantity for the Spanish version as long as an entity has ordered at least 250 copies of the English version. **Orders for print copies are due by December 17th** and guides will be received in January.

Special Orders: A few entities have reached out regarding ordering an amount below the minimum order threshold (250) established by the vendor. In these circumstances we encourage schools to work with neighboring schools or their local career center to collaborate on an order. If that is not a viable option, please send an email to CTE@gov.IN.gov with your request and our team will work out a solution.

CTE Awards for Excellence

The Office of CTE annually spotlights excellence in both secondary and postsecondary Career and Technical Education through the Awards for Excellence (AFE). As previously announced, this year's ceremony will again be held in May.

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

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](#)

Transitioning to Next Level Programs of Study

NLPS Scheduling Reminder: Upcoming cohorts have the following options for taking CTE courses:

- **2022 cohort** – May use Perkins IV Pathways or Perkins V Pathways with previously existing or NLPS courses
- **2023 & 2024 cohort** – The updated definition of a CTE Concentrator of completing at least two advanced CTE courses goes into effect for the class of 2023. Therefore, the 2023 and 2024 cohorts must use Perkins V pathways with either previously existing or NLPS Courses
- **2025 cohort and beyond** – **Must use** Perkins V pathways with **NLPS courses**

Newly Available NLPS Scheduling Option: For the next two school years, schools and career centers will have the option of offering previously existing Level I and II courses in the same classroom as NLPS Principles or a Concentrator course. GWC Executive Director PJ McGrew and Bluffton Principal Steve Baker initially discussed this option during a joint presentation at the recent IASP conference. An example of this option in practice is shared below:

- During the upcoming school year, a junior student and freshman student could be taking the same class at the same time with the same instructor. The junior would be enrolled in Welding Technology I (5776) and the freshman in Principles of Welding (7110).

Allowing schools to schedule in this way should ease the ability for both cohorts to remain on track to earn concentrator status without requiring the school to offer two separate sections. This option will be

especially helpful for smaller or rural schools who are transitioning to NLPS courses. There are a few things to keep in mind if utilizing this option:

- While the content of the Level I course and the Principles course is similar, the instructor should teach according to the competencies detailed in the Principles course.
- This option is only available when offering previously existing Level I or Level II courses and only if they are being offered for 1 credit per semester/2 credits for the year.
- It is up to the school to ensure that the different student cohorts are enrolled in the appropriate course codes. If a 2023 or 2024 student is enrolled using the NLPS Principles course it will be assumed that they are completing the NLPS path. A 2025 student enrolled in a Level I course code will not count toward concentrator status.
- This option in no way allows schools to offer an NLPS Principles course and a NLPS Concentrator course in the same period. These courses are two distinct courses and should be treated as such.
- The Level I course always aligns with the NLPS Principles course for this option. The OCTE is evaluating each pathway's Level II course to determine the specific NLPS Concentrator course that may be used for this option. For example, in the Health Science Pre-Nursing Pathway, schools would use the Level II course along with the Concentrator B CNA course.

Planning Guide Webinar Recording: Office of CTE staff have recorded a webinar that walks through the [NLPS Planning Guide](#). The webinar should help individuals understand the planning guide and the key aspects of each section. It is approximately 25 minutes and can be [listened to here](#). The planning guide was released in early November and serves as a resource to assist with scheduling NLPS courses, deciding what programs to offer, and gaining background knowledge of the main benefits of NLPS.

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. The updated documents are posted on the [NLPS Resource Page](#).

Since our last update, the IDOE comprehensive [Course Titles and Descriptions document](#) has also been updated and all CTE course codes within it are correct.