



Office of CTE Bi-Weekly Update May 2, 2022

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Next Level Programs of Study Resources

NLPS Review Document Updated: The NLPS Review Document has been updated and the new version can be [found here](#). The Review Document is the best resource for specific course information for all programs of study included in NLPS.

Our team appreciates the feedback and questions on the latest version of the document that was released in early April. Edits and content updates have continued to be made to ensure the Review Document contains the most helpful and accurate information possible.

The latest updates to the document include:

- **Standards/Competencies for new Programs of Study:** Competencies have been added for 4 of the 5 programs of study that were still outstanding when the latest version of the document was shared on April 5. These are: **Dental Careers, Cosmetology and Barbering, Legal Studies, and Building and Facilities Maintenance**. Biotechnology is the final program of study still under development and an anticipated completion date is uncertain at this time.
- **Dual Credit:** The last version failed to include an explanation of the * that appears at the end of some postsecondary courses listed. An explanation has been added on the cover page of the Review Document and shared here:
 - Postsecondary courses followed by an * are not available for dual credit.
 - VU courses that are followed by a carat symbol (^) are not available for dual credit through Project Excel but are available through the CTE Early College program.
- **Science and Quantitative Reasoning Credits:** A few new courses previously included a phrase that read "counts as a science credit*" or "counts as a quantitative reasoning credit*". This was an internal note that we failed to remove before publishing. Courses that had either of these phrases have been submitted to DOE to be reviewed to determine if they would count for Science or Quantitative Reasoning credit. The review committee met this past week and recommendations are being taken to the State Board of Education in June.

Your feedback is welcomed as Office of CTE staff continue to enhance the Review Document in order to provide the most helpful resource to schools and career centers implementing Next Level Programs of

Study. Any future changes will be denoted here, on the NLPS resource webpage, and in the document itself.

REMINDER - Master Pathways List: The Master Pathways List was slightly updated in early April and is [available here](#). One significant change is that Anatomy and Physiology (5276) has been added as an option for the Concentrator A course and Healthcare Specialist Capstone (7255) has been added as a capstone option in the Biomedical Sciences program of study. Adding these courses will allow students the opportunity to earn dual credits or industry certifications that will count toward Technical Honors Diploma requirements.

Program of Study Updates

Exercise Science Program of Study: Several schools have expressed an interest in offering the Exercise Science program of study but are concerned that the program of study does not provide dual credit opportunities. The program of study was designed in alignment to Ivy Tech courses where possible, but there is currently not postsecondary capacity to allow the courses in this program of study to be offered for dual credit. There is no timetable set for when this may change, but the courses will at minimum not be available for dual credit in the 2022-2023 school year. The Exercise Science program of study should prepare students for the ACSM Personal Fitness Trainer certification and there is the possibility of adding additional certifications in the near future. Any questions regarding the Exercise Science program of study can be directed to our office at CTE@gov.in.gov.

RISE Training for Entrepreneurship Program of Study: RISE (Regional Innovation and Startup Education) has partnered with Ivy Tech Community College to provide training, curriculum, mentorship, and connectivity for dual credit high school entrepreneurship classrooms running the Next Level Programs of Study (NLPS) Entrepreneurship Pathway in the state of Indiana. To find out more and register for this summer training opportunity, [click here](#).

Programs of Study Adoption and Course Inventory Form

The Office of CTE has created a new form to capture information on the CTE course offerings of schools and career centers, including what programs of study entities are adopting. The form is a variation of the course inventory form schools were required to submit in previous years (this has not been required the past couple years). **Schools and Career Centers are asked to register courses and programs of study in InTERS by August 1.**

Part of the process is to include the CTE instructor that will be teaching each course. Entering the instructor by August 1 will allow our team to verify that instructors meet the assignment codes to be eligible for funding. If an instructor vacancy currently exists, entities can wait until closer to the August 1 deadline to fill out the form or simply only fill out the course information currently and add in the instructor information at a later date. Only the course and instructor information need to be provided by August 1. The form also includes a list of 4 questions, which can be responded to later this fall.

A document with **instructions on completing the form**, guidance on common situations, and additional background on the purpose of this process can be [found here](#). Area CTE Directors were also provided some information about this process in the last couple weeks and are available for questions. Additional questions can be shared with CTE@gov.IN.gov.

CTE Awards for Excellence

The Awards for Excellence ceremony will take place in Indianapolis on Tuesday, May 10 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The Office of CTE is partnering with the Indiana Association of Career and Technical Education (IACTE) to put on this year's event. All award winners have been notified by IACTE and received information on attending the event, guest tickets, etc. A press release will be shared by the Office of CTE following the event highlighting this year's award winners.

Department of Education Career Pathways Grant

The Indiana Department of Education continues to accept applications for their [Explore, Engage, and Experience \(3E\) Grant](#) through Friday, May 13. One of the primary objectives of the grant is to increase access and enrollment in Next Level Programs of Study. CTE districts are eligible to apply for this grant opportunity.

To better support applicants throughout the application process, recordings of informational sessions are now available on the [3E Grant website](#) along with the [3E Grant Frequently Asked Questions](#) document. Contact StudentPathways@doe.IN.gov with any additional questions.