

CTE College Credit

Questions and Answers

What is CTE College Credit?

CTE College Credit represents a system in Nevada for students who complete a career and technical education program of study to earn college credit while still in high school.

CTE College Credit is articulated credit, whereby the teacher of record is the high school teacher, but through established articulation agreements, the secondary education coursework aligns to postsecondary courses to the extent where college credit can be awarded to high school students.

How is articulated credit different from dual credit?

Articulated credit is provided through an articulation agreement and the teacher of record is the high school teacher. Dual credit is provided to high school students who take college coursework taught by college faculty.

What is an articulation agreement and how are they established?

An articulation agreement is just that—an agreement that specifies the number of credits a college may award for students who complete a particular CTE program. The amount of credit is dependent upon a careful analysis of the state standards for each high school CTE program and to the extent the standards align to the college courses for a similar career pathway.

For example, a student in high school completes the three required courses for IT Networking, IT Networking I, II, and III. A college may determine, through an established articulation agreement, that the three credits in IT Networking the student earns in high school are aligned to 12 college credits. This is clarified in the signed articulation agreement for IT Networking. Following this example, the amount of credit that may be awarded for the IT Networking program may vary among the colleges, depending on the number of aligned college courses at each institution.

To establish the agreement, the college faculty will carefully analyze the state standards, curriculum framework, and any other resources for the high school IT Networking program to determine the postsecondary course alignments and ultimately the number of credits a high school student may earn.

Are there other criteria a high school student must meet to earn the college credit?

Yes. To qualify for the CTE College Credit, students must: (1) earn a 3.0 grade-point average in the CTE course sequence; (2) pass the state end-of-program assessment that measures technical content knowledge; and (3) pass the state Workplace Readiness assessment that measures content knowledge for employability skills.

Students who complete a CTE program of study according to the criteria above are eligible to earn the CTE College Credit within three years of graduating from high school.

Can any student in any high school in Nevada earn CTE College Credit?

Yes, providing the high school offers a state-approved CTE program of study. For example, students enrolled in any high school offering IT Networking I, II, and III and who meet the eligibility requirements above may seek admission to any college with an established articulation agreement and apply the credits earned to a college transcript.

What is the cost to the student?

Other than the modest cost for admission to a college, CTE College Credit is free for qualifying students.

How will the CTE College Credit help a high school student?

CTE College Credit is designed to fast-track students to a postsecondary credential. These credentials include industry certifications, certificates of achievement, and associate degrees. All credentials must be approved by the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Most of the college courses for which the high school student can earn credit are technical courses that lead to an associate of applied science degree. It is imperative that students meet with high school and college counselors to determine how best to apply the college credits to their educational goals and aspirations.