

New Teacher Certification Requirements for Health Science Technology Education

RULE §230.483

(a) Standard health science technology certificate.

(1) The standard health science technology certificate shall be based on preparation and experience in the skill area and qualify the teacher to teach state approved health science technology education courses.

(2) Certification shall be based on experience and academic preparation in the skill area and require the following:

(A) a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree from an accredited institution;

(B) licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency as a professional practitioner in one or more health occupations for which instruction is offered. The preparation program for licensure or certification must require at least two years of formal education;

(C) completion of State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) requirements in the United States and Texas Constitutions; and

(D) approval, by the employing superintendent or certification officer of a college or university approved to prepare teachers for the vocational certificate, of two years of wage earning experience in a licensed hospital or health agency, in addition to that required to be registered or certified.

(3) The standard health science technology certificate shall require a professional development sequence that includes the following:

(A) developing, organizing, and using instructional materials;

(B) methods of teaching vocational subjects;

(C) human relations for vocational industrial instructors;

(D) aims and objectives of vocational education;

(E) organizing and coordinating vocational industrial cooperative programs;

(F) problems in industrial cooperative education; and

(G) two creditable years, as defined in Subchapter Y of this chapter (relating to Definitions), of teaching experience on emergency permits in the area of health science.

(4) Certification shall be based on experience and academic preparation in the skill area and require the following:

(A) a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution;

(B) current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency as a health professions practitioner. The preparation program for licensure, certification, or registration must require at least two years of formal education;

(C) approval, by the certification officer of an approved teacher preparation program, of two years of wage earning experience utilizing the licensure requirement described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, in addition to that required to be registered or certified.

(5) The standard health science technology certificate curricula shall be based on the standards approved by the State Board for Educator Certification. Candidates for this certificate must pass the appropriate certification assessments.

(6) Paragraphs (4) and (5) of this subsection become effective September 1, 2002 and replace paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection effective September 1, 2003.