What is a CTE course?

For students to earn CTE credit/units of study, these courses must be delivered by a certified CTE instructor. For example:

- A horticulture course taught by a certified Ag teacher
- A computer applications course taught by a certified Business teacher
- A food and nutrition course taught by a certified FACS teacher
- A technical drawing course taught by a certified Technology Education teacher

CTE Course offerings fall under these content areas

- Agricultural Education
- Business and Marketing Education
- Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- Technology Education

There has been much confusion about who is considered a certified CTE teacher. Individuals who hold a certification in the areas stated above **are** certified CTE teachers.

Note:

A Photography or Graphic Arts course taught by a certified Art teacher DOES NOT count as a CTE course.

What is a CTE Program of Study?

CTE programs of study are 3 or more credits made from CTE courses within the same CTE career pathway content area(a minimum of 5 credits are required in Technology Education), taught by an appropriately certified CTE teacher.

CTE programs of study are organized in New York in the following content areas:

- Agricultural education
- Business and Marketing education
- Family and Consumer Sciences education
- Health Occupations education
- Technology education
- Trade and Technical education

CTE programs of study must be taught by a certified CTE teacher who is certified in the appropriate CTE content area for example:

- Teacher certified in Ag to teach agriculture related program
- Teacher certified in Cosmetology and holds a current NYS cosmetology license to teach a cosmetology program
- Teacher certified in Culinary Arts or FACS to teach a culinary program
- Teacher certified in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair to teach an automotive program
- Teacher in Security Operations to teach a criminal justice program