

CTE Teachers: Training the Leaders of Tomorrow

Outlook

A July 2014 report from The Bureau of Labor Statistics¹ indicates the need for career and technical education (CTE) teachers is growing. Between 2012 and 2022, employment for CTE teachers has a projected growth of nine percent overall, across both secondary and post-secondary education. In addition, projections indicate that 1.6 million teachers will retire from the profession over this same period. With a national demand for a highly skilled workforce, CTE teachers are in the perfect position to help to fill gaps by providing training to prepare students for technical careers.

Quality

The US Department of Education has made it a top priority to have a highly effective teacher in every classroom. How does this happen in a CTE classroom? And, when teaching positions become available, how can a state and/or school be sure the candidates have the technical skills needed to successfully prepare students? States are moving forward in addressing this challenge in a variety of ways including instituting state policies regarding acceptable teaching credentials.

Solution

NOCTI offers a solution to this challenge. Our original mission, over 45 years ago, focused on assessment tools for teacher candidates. NOCTI continues to offer teacher-level assessments for teacher candidates administered through our national Area Test Center (ATC) network.

In response to a number of state leaders' requests we are pleased to announce our teacher-level assessment offerings will be undergoing some exciting changes including:

- Nearly doubling the available test titles from 20 to 37
- Offering college credit recommendations for all titles
- Providing digital badges for all titles
- Increasing communication with our teacher testing network and states

Stay tuned for additional details!

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¹ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2014-15 Edition, Career and Technical Education Teachers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/career-and-technical-education-teachers.htm> (visited October 08, 2014).

