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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 290 Department or Agency State Department of Education
Rule No. 290-3-2-.24
Rule Title: Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in a
Technical Health Science Approach

New Amend
Repeal Adopt by Reference (Check appropriate box)

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly
harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? NO

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's
police power and the protection of the public health,
safety, or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation
available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or
indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services
involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the
public than the harm that might result from the absence
of the proposed rule? NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely
for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary
effect, the protection of the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule does have an economic impact, the proposed rule is
required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with
subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full
compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of
Alabama, 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements
of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference
Service.



Thomas R. Bice
State Superintendent of Education

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: State Department of Education

RULE NO. & TITLE: 290-3-2-.24 Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in Health Science Approach

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

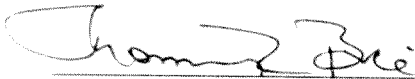
SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Amend to require passing scores on the basic skills assessments of the Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program (AECTP) for issuance of an initial Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m., March 14, 2013, Auditorium, Plaza Level, Gordon Persons Building, 50 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama. All persons wishing to express their views should contact the State Superintendent of Education (334-242-9700) no later than March 7, 2013, in order to be scheduled on the agenda. All persons wishing to express their views in writing to the State Superintendent of Education should address all written comments to the State Superintendent of Education, Gordon Persons Building, P.O. Box 302101, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: March 14, 2013

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290-3-2-.24 Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in Health Science Approach.

(1) **General Requirements for a Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in Health Science.** A Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in health science may be issued when all general requirements and specific requirements for the program area of health science are met. The general requirements are:

- (a) A criminal history background check as required by the Alabama Child Protection Act of 1999, as amended, and Rule 290-3-2-.02(9).
- (b) Completion of all requirements prior to September 1 for a certificate bearing a July 1 effective date of a given year.
- (c) Approval of the State Director of Career and Technical Education.

(2) **Specific Requirements for the Issuance of a Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in Health Science.**

(a) Type, Degree Equivalency, Valid Period, and Renewability.

Type	Degree Equivalency	Valid Period	Renewable
Specialty Area 1	Bachelor's	3 years	No
Specialty Area 2	Bachelor's	5 years	Yes
Specialty Area 3	Master's	5 years	Yes
Specialty Area 4	Master's	5 years	Yes
Specialty Area 5	Sixth-year	5 years	Yes
Level 4	Master's	5 years	Yes
Level 5	Sixth-year	5 years	Yes
Type II*	Bachelor's	5 years	Yes
Type III*	Bachelor's	5 years	Yes

*Type II and Type III Career and Technical Certificates were initially issued on the basis of Rules in effect prior to July 1, 1997. These certificates may be continued but cannot be reinstated.

(b) Requirements for the Issuance of a Specialty Area 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

1. Issuance of the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for three years and is not renewable, requires all of the following:

- (i) A recommendation on Form CT from a superintendent who wishes to employ the applicant to teach in the program area of health science.
- (ii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.

(iii) Documentation of education and work experience through one of the following options:

(I) Official transcript(s) verifying an earned associate's degree in a healthcare area from a postsecondary institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned and verification of having attained, within the seven years immediately preceding September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid, a minimum of 6,000 clock hours (three years) of acceptable full-time work experience as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.24(3).

(II) Official transcript(s) verifying an earned bachelor's or higher degree in a healthcare area from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned and verification of having attained, within the three years immediately preceding September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid, a minimum of 2,000 clock hours (one year) of acceptable full-time work experience as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.24(3).

(iv) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program (AECTP), formerly known as the Alabama Prospective Teacher Testing Program (APTTP), on a test administration date prior to September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid.

(iv) Approval of the State Director of Career and Technical Education.

2. Issuance of the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for five years and is renewable, requires all of the following:

(i) Eligibility to hold a Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(ii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.

(iii) Completion of the appropriate Alabama Department of Education-approved New Teacher Institute.

(iv) Official transcript(s) verifying earned credit with a grade of "C" or above in each of the following three courses at an Alabama institution with State-approved teacher education programs:

(I) Strategies for Teaching Special Needs Students in Inclusive Settings.

(II) The Evaluation of Teaching and Learning.

(III) Classroom Management.

(v) Official transcript(s) verifying earned credit with a grade of "C" or above in the following two courses at an Alabama institution with a State-approved teacher education program in a career and technical education teaching field:

(I) Methods of Teaching Career and Technical Education.

(II) Learning Resources and Technology in Career and Technical Education.

(vi) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the AECTP, formerly known as the APTTP, on a test administration date prior to September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid.

(I) This requirement is effective if the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science is the applicant’s initial Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(II) This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate health science.

3. Issuance of the Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for five years and is renewable, requires all of the following:

(i) Eligibility to hold a Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(ii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.

(iii) Completion of one of the following options:

(I) **Option One.** Official transcript(s) verifying at least 45 semester hours of earned credit, with a grade of “C” or above, at an institution that was regionally accredited at the time the credits were earned. The 45 semester hours include required courses and elective courses:

I. Required Courses.

Required Courses	Number of Courses
Principles of Career and Technical Education*	1
Safety*	1
Career and Technical Student Organizations*	1
English (not remedial level)	2
Speech	1
History	1
Computer Applications	1
Mathematics (not remedial level)	1
Biological Science	1
Economics	1

*These courses must be taken at an Alabama institution with a State-approved teacher education program in a career and technical education teaching field.

II. Elective courses. Official transcript(s) verifying credit earned for additional electives to complete the total 45 semester hours. Electives must be completed at a regionally accredited senior institution in a program in a healthcare area.

(II) **Option Two.** Official transcript(s) verifying:

I. At least an earned bachelor’s degree from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned.

II. Earned credit, with a grade of “C” or above, in the following three courses at an Alabama institution with a State-approved teacher education program in a career and technical education teaching field:

Required Courses	Number of Courses
Principles of Career and Technical Education	1
Safety	1
Career and Technical Student Organizations	1

(iv) Credit earned to meet requirements for the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate cannot be applied toward the Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate.

(v) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the AECTP, formerly known as the APTTP, on a test administration date prior to September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid.

(I) This requirement is effective if the Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate health science is the applicant’s initial Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(II) This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

4. Issuance of the Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for five years and is renewable, requires all of the following:

(i) Eligibility to hold a Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(ii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.

(iii) Official transcript(s) verifying an earned bachelor’s degree in a healthcare area from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned.

(iv) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the AECTP, formerly known as the APTTP, on a test administration date prior to September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid.

(I) This requirement is effective if the Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in health science is the applicant’s initial Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate health science.

(II) This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Specialty Area 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

5. Issuance of the Specialty Area 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, which is valid for five years and is renewable, requires all of the following:

(i) Eligibility to hold a Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(ii) An active Alabama license in a registered nursing, paramedical, or allied health specialty.

(iii) Official transcript(s) verifying an earned master's or higher degree in a healthcare area from a senior institution that was regionally accredited at the time the degree was earned.

(iv) For certificates with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, verification of current passing scores for the basic skills assessments of the AECTP, formerly known as the APTTP, on a test administration date prior to September 1 of the calendar year during which the certificate is to become valid.

(I) This requirement is effective if the Specialty Area 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science is the applicant's initial Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate health science.

(II) This requirement does not apply to an applicant holding a valid Specialty Area 4 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(3) Acceptable Full-Time Work Experience. Acceptable full-time work experience must have been attained through one or more of the following:

(a) Work experience in the healthcare industry as an employee in a compensated position as a healthcare practitioner. The experience must be verified with submission of:

1. Supplement CT EV; and

2. A notarized cover letter verifying the applicant's prior work experience. The cover letter must be on the employer's business/company stationery and must include at least a description of the nature of the business/company, a brief description of the scope and quality of the applicant's work history, and the original signature of the employer or owner of the business/company.

(b) Self-employment in the healthcare industry as a healthcare practitioner. The experience must be verified with submission of:

1. Supplement CT EV; and

2. A notarized cover letter on company stationery, a copy of each business license held during the verification period, and notarized letters from three individuals and/or companies with which business or work transactions occurred during the verification period.

(c) Teaching experience at the secondary and/or postsecondary level in health science. The experience must be verified on Supplement EXP.

(4) Conversion of a Type Career and Technical Certificate to a Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate.

(a) An applicant holding a valid Type II or III Career and Technical Certificate in health science seeking a higher level Career and Technical Certificate in health science must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science as a prerequisite to the Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, and 5 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.

(b) An applicant holding an expired Type II or III Career and Technical Certificate in health science who is seeking a current Career and Technical Certificate in health science must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science as a prerequisite to Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.

(c) Type I Career and Technical Certificates in health science were issued on the basis of the Rules in effect prior to July 1, 1997. Prior to January 1, 2008, at the request of the certificate holder, a valid Type I Career and Technical Certificate in health science was converted to the appropriate Level 4 or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science as determined by the State Director of Career and Technical Education. Type I Career and Technical Certificates in health science cannot be renewed. An individual holding an expired Type I Career and Technical Certificate in health science who is seeking a current Career and Technical Certificate in health science must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science as a prerequisite to Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.

(5) Conversion of a Level Career and Technical Certificate to a Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate.

(a) Upon application to the Office and approval by the State Director of Career and Technical Education, an applicant holding a valid Level 4 or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science may ~~be issued~~ convert the Level Certificate to the appropriate Specialty Area 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificate in health science.

(b) An expired Level 1, 2, and 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science cannot be reinstated. An applicant holding an expired Level 1, 2, or 3 Career and Technical Certificate in health science who is seeking a current Career and Technical Certificate in health science must meet requirements for the Specialty Area 1 Career and Technical Certificate in health science as a prerequisite to Specialty Area 2, 3, 4, or 5 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.

(6) **Valid Period.** Information about the valid periods of Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificates in health science is in the chart in Rule 290-3-2-.24(2)(a).

(7) **Implementation Information.**

(a) Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificates in health science.

1. Prior to August 1, 2012, the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, valid for five years, was issued as a nonrenewable certificate.

2. Effective August 1, 2012, the Specialty Area 2 Career and Technical Certificate in health science, valid for five years, may be renewed. Renewal requirements are prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.33.

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Statutory Authority: Ala. Const. Amend. 284, Ala. Code §§16-3-11, 16-23-1 and 16-23-2 (1975).

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