

Media Arts: Interactive Media

Occupation-Based Certification Guide

As directed in [16 KAR 2:020](#), candidates pursuing occupation-based teacher certification in Kentucky are required to:

- Complete Years 1 and 2 of New Teacher Institute (NTI) – Chris Smith, Director: chris.smith@education.ky.gov.
- Have an Associate degree or higher in the content area (or Career and Technical Education). If a candidate does not have at least an Associate degree in the technical area of the program they will be teaching (or Career and Technical Education), they will have six (6) years to obtain this degree and must complete at least 6 college credit hours from the degree program each year. NTI will count as the required 6 college credit hours during NTI Years 1 and 2 for renewal purposes (this is NOT actual college credit hours, just the basis for renewal).

Prior to an official offer of employment:

- **Candidate meets work experience criteria (4 years of experience in the content area, 2 years of experience in the past 5 years). The state program consultant must verify eligible work experience.**
- **There is no college degree required *at the time of hire*.**
- **All candidates who do not have a degree will be required to take the general knowledge exam (requirements below).**
- **If a candidate does not have a *content-related degree*, the candidate will be required to take a content knowledge exam (if applicable). The candidate either takes and passes a content knowledge assessment (if applicable) OR has a current industry certification(s) to show content knowledge within the area in which certification is sought (assessments used to meet this criterion are located on the most recent CTE Board Assessment Order and are listed below if applicable).**

Any two of the following exams:

- **Adobe Certified Professional: Animate**
- **Adobe Certified Expert: Animate**
- **Autodesk 3ds Max Certified User**
- **Autodesk Maya Certified User**
- **Unity Certified User: Artist**
- **Unity Certified User: VR Developer**
- **Unity Certified User: Programmer**
- **Unity Certified Associate: Game Developer**
- **Unity Certified Associate: Artist**
- **Unity Certified Associate: Programmer**

When a top candidate is chosen, and an offer of employment has been extended:

1. The candidate completes the KECS Verification of Experience form (CA3) and then emails the completed document to the OCTE Certification Officer (carmela.clark@education.ky.gov). The document should be encrypted with a password if SSN/DOB is included. If SSN/DOB is NOT included, it can be sent without encryption.
2. The candidate sends **official** college transcripts (if applicable) to Carmela Clark. To be considered official, the transcript must arrive in the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) unopened (if sent US Mail) **OR** ordered through the National Student Clearinghouse, Parchment, or other electronic service and emailed directly to Carmela Clark. If ordered through an electronic service, please list carmela.clark@education.ky.gov as the transcript recipient. The link for the National Student Clearinghouse is: <https://studentclearinghouse.org/> (and click on Order/Track/Verify button to order the transcript).

*If a candidate does not have a degree, the candidate will be required to take one of the following general knowledge exams (ACT/SAT/KYOTE/GED-College Readiness) and obtain a passing score. **Please note that KYOTE is no longer available for administration.** An official score report for ACT/SAT/KYOTE/GED-College Readiness showing benchmark scores taken in the last 10 years will satisfy the testing requirement.*

General Knowledge and Competency Exams:

ACT:

Reading – score of 20 or higher
Mathematics – score of 19 or higher
English (Writing) – score of 18 or higher

KYOTE:

Reading – score of 20 or higher
Mathematics – score of 22 or higher on College Readiness Mathematics or score of 14 or higher on College Algebra
English (Writing) – score of 6 or higher

SAT:

Reading – score of 470 or higher on Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
Mathematics – score of 460 or higher
English (Writing) – score of 430 or higher on Evidence-Based Reading and Writing

GED College Readiness:

Reading – score of 165 or higher on Reasoning through the Language Arts
Mathematics – score of 165 or higher on Mathematical Reasoning
English (Writing) - score of 165 or higher on Reasoning through the Language Arts

Once the candidate meets the above requirements and all relevant documentation is in KDE possession, OCTE will recommend the candidate to EPSB for initial provisional certification. Candidates will be contacted by Chris Smith for more information regarding enrollment in NTI.