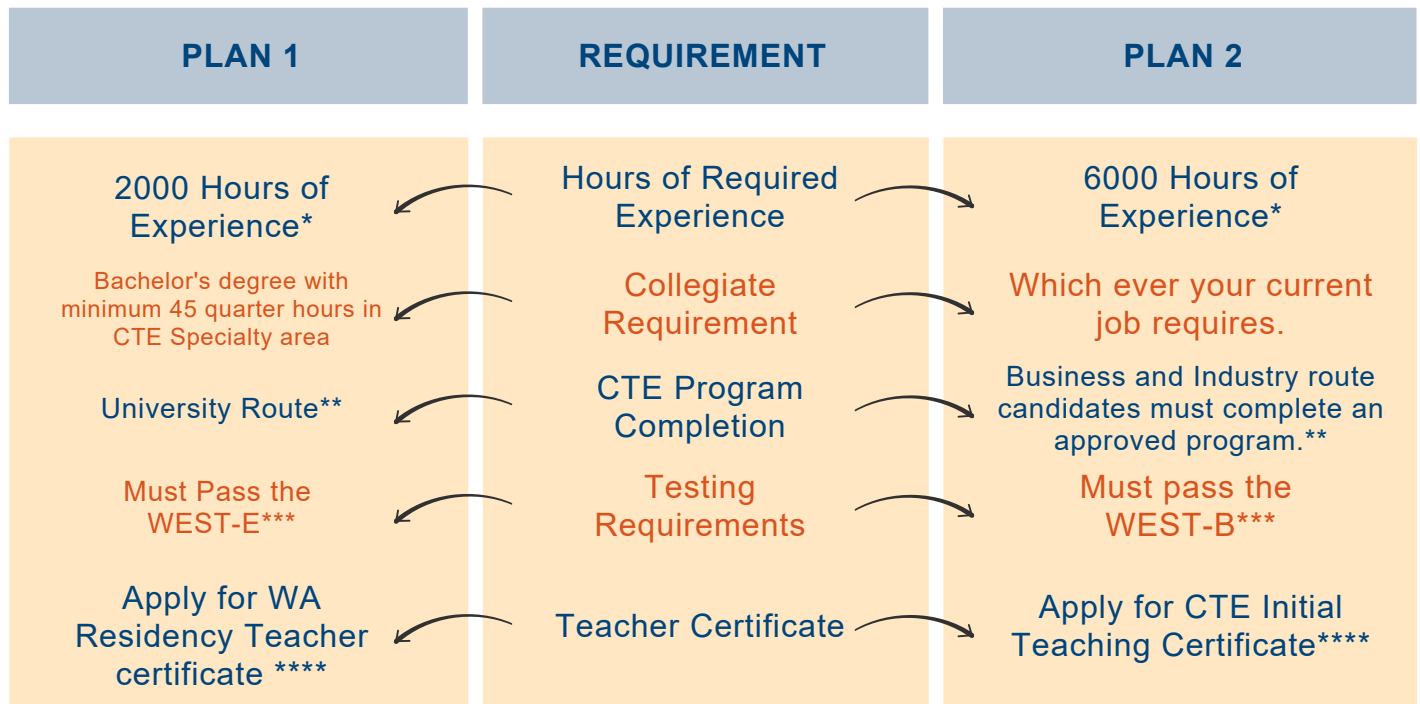# CTE CERTIFICATION

Washington CTE courses, as approved by OSPI, must be taught by an instructor who has a current CTE certificate and whose certification matches the instructional area. These certificates allow the holder to assume independent responsibility for working with students in career and technical education programs. CTE certification can be obtained either through a collegiate CTE teacher certificate program, or through a combination of relevant work experience and completion of a CTE prep program.

PLAN 1	REQUIREMENT	PLAN 2
2000 Hours of Experience*	Hours of Required Experience	6000 Hours of Experience*
Bachelor's degree with minimum 45 quarter hours in CTE Specialty area	Collegiate Requirement	Which ever your current job requires.
University Route**	CTE Program Completion	Business and Industry route candidates must complete an approved program.**
Must Pass the WEST-E***	Testing Requirements	Must pass the WEST-B***
Apply for WA Residency Teacher certificate ****	Teacher Certificate	Apply for CTE Initial Teaching Certificate****

* Teaching only counts for a FACSE Certificate.
** University Routes:
https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/certification/cte/pubdocs/ctecollege-univ.pdf
*** WEST E Information:
https://www.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher-certificate/out-state-applicants-teachers/teacher-assessments
**** Apply for WA cert here: https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/

* Up to 4000 hours of CTE teaching count, 6000 of STEM, Biomedical, and Health Science Biotechnology teaching count
** CTE Business & Industry Approved Program Information:
https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/certification/cte/pubdocs/CTE-B-IRoute-Providers%2012-23-2021.pdf
*** WEST-B Information: https://www.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher-certificate/out-state-applicants-teachers/teacher-assessments
**** Apply for WA CTE Initial application here:
https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/

Teachers who have not completed the full CTE certification may be qualified for
CTE CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION.
The intent of the conditional career and technical education certificate is to fill teacher positions given specific circumstances where no regularly certificated career and technical education instructor is available.

Conditional certification is initiated by CTE, is valid only for 2 years in EPS, and requires verification of relevant job experience where required, and completion of 50 clock hours, verified either through a PGP or CTE training plan. See CTE legal references here:
https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=181-77