

Fresno DS CTE Credential Program

Summary of Program Changes Since 2023 Submission

The Fresno County Office of Education's Designated Subjects (DS) Career Technical Education (CTE) Credential Program has implemented several substantial changes since the 2023 submission. These updates reflect our ongoing commitment to continuous program improvement, strong alignment with program standards, and high-quality support for candidates and mentors.

Program Data and Coaching

A major enhancement has been the redesign of [Mentor Logs](#) and coaching data collection. The updated system uses Google Forms to capture monthly coaching interactions that are more focused, reflective, and explicitly aligned to the Teacher Performance Expectations (TPEs). This shift allows the program to analyze data trends, calibrate feedback, and gain meaningful insight into candidate growth and coaching effectiveness.

Resources and Candidate Support

To promote greater access and communication, the program developed the [Program Hub](#), a virtual Canvas center that serves as the primary access point for announcements, resources, and program requirements. The Hub provides interactive communication opportunities and guidance for candidates across all program phases, creating a supportive and connected learning environment. We also created [quick informative guides](#) that are focused on different phases of our program to assist with next steps and planning.

In addition, the [Teacher Profile](#) was introduced to help both candidates and mentors track progress through the program's stages. This tool supports personalized coaching and ensures candidates remain aware of milestones and expectations throughout their credential journey.

Portfolio and Assessment

The program also revised [portfolio requirements](#) to strengthen reflection and demonstrate competency. A culminating portfolio artifact was added, requiring candidates to record and submit a final video presentation [guided by reflective questions](#). This new element serves as a comprehensive review of candidate growth, program impact, and alignment with standards.

Professional Learning and Collaboration

In response to candidate feedback seeking more direct interaction, the program launched a blended approach to professional learning. Seven new [targeted training sessions](#) were added this year (six total

required), incorporating live mentor-led breakout sessions for collaboration through Zoom. Also, hybrid spring live meeting option was also introduced, providing synchronous online participation for the first module of CTE 101.

To deepen industry and community connections, the program invites new teachers to attend Fresno ROP events such as the [Fall Conference](#) and [Spring Advisory](#) to experience and foster collaboration with postsecondary institutions and industry partners. This option gives new teachers meaningful exposure to high-quality CTE practices, industry engagement opportunities, and peer mentoring within related pathways.

Staffing and Program Growth

Recognizing the importance of strong support systems, the program expanded its mentor team from six to twelve mentors. This growth allows for more consistent, high-quality coaching and increased collaboration among mentors through monthly meetings focused on alignment, data review, and instructional support. An administrative coordinator position was also added to strengthen credential processing, candidate support, and overall program operations.

Recognition and Community Culture

Finally, the program will hold its first in-person [Teacher Recognition Event](#) this summer to honor program completers and celebrate their accomplishments. This event underscores the program's dedication to building a professional community that values excellence, reflection, and collaborative growth.

The Fresno County Office DS CTE Credential Program continues to evolve strategically to meet the needs of today's educators. Each enhancement is grounded in reflection, data, and feedback demonstrating our sustained commitment to program quality, standards alignment, and the preparation of highly effective CTE teachers for Fresno County and beyond.