



Pennsylvania Department of Education

Career Technical Education Postbaccalaureate Instructional I-Intern Policy for Intermediate Units

Effective July 1, 2025, Intermediate Units (IUs) are permitted to offer Career Technical Education (CTE) Postbaccalaureate Instructional I and Intern Certificates under [Public School Code of 1949 – Section 1207.1](#) which states the following in terms of postbaccalaureate programs:

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Secretary of Education shall have all of the following powers and duties with regard to postbaccalaureate certification programs:

(1) Evaluate and approve, in accordance with this section, **all postbaccalaureate certification programs**, including accelerated programs, leading to the certification of professional personnel including intern certification programs, residency certification programs and administrative certification programs.

(2) Evaluate and approve qualified providers of postbaccalaureate certification programs, which may include **providers other than institutions of higher education** and ensure that the approval process designed for program providers which are not institutions of higher education enables high-quality, nontraditional program providers to seek and gain approval.”

In accordance with statute, postbaccalaureate CTE programs are approved as 60-credit programs, 18 credits of which are met under the Instructional I and Intern certificate and an additional 42 credits met by the Instructional II certificate which must be met by the sixth year of service. IUs are permitted to offer the 18 credits towards a CTE Instructional I or intern program. Educators who earn a CTE Instructional I through an IU would need to complete an approved [CTE Instructional II](#) program through a designated institution of higher education to fulfill all certification requirements.