

**OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**June 14-15, 2012**

**OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

17. Approval of Revision to License for Career/Technical Counseling as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act Process with no public comment)

Background Information:

On March 2, 2012, the Certification Commission approved a proposal from the Office of Career Technical Education (CTE). CTE is proposing changes to the current supplemental Endorsement license 314 in Vocational Counseling. The current is an add-on requiring two courses. These courses are not offered at many colleges and the endorsement is difficult to obtain. CTE is requesting the name of the license be changed from Vocational Counselor to Career Technical Counseling. They have developed a new training module that will replace the current requirements of two specified courses. CTE Counselor license is a supplemental endorsement that will still require the educator to hold a 5-year standard license in Guidance & Counseling.

Specifications:

1. Change the title of license 314 from Vocational Counseling to Career Technical Counseling
2. Change the requirements for the 314 to include the following:
  - Technology competency exam such as IC3
  - Replace two required college courses with newly developed training module designed for CTE counselors

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

### **314 Career and Technical Counselor**

This is an “add on” endorsement that may be earned only by persons who hold a currently valid Mississippi Educator License with endorsement 436 - Guidance Counselor.

A 314 endorsement allows a person to serve as a Career and Technical Counselor.

This endorsement requires the following:

1. Currently valid Mississippi Educator License with endorsement in Guidance Counselor 436
2. Applicant must validate technology competency by attaining the established minimum score or higher on an assessment approved by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE). The assessment must be directly related to technology competency required by the grade level and subject matter being taught. Approved assessments for this license are IC3, Propulse, or other specific assessment created by third-party vendors, authorized by the Local Education Agency (LEA) and approved by the MDE.
3. Applicant must successfully complete a Certification for online learning workshop, module, or course that is approved by the Mississippi Department of Education.
4. Applicant must successfully complete a CTE Counselor workshop, module, or course that is approved by the Mississippi Department of Education.

### **314 ~~Vocational~~ Career and Technical Counselor**

This is an “add on” endorsement that may be earned only by persons who hold a currently valid Mississippi Educator License with endorsement 436 - Guidance Counselor.

A 314 endorsement allows a person to serve as a ~~Vocational~~ Career Technical Counselor.

This endorsement requires the following:

1. Currently valid Mississippi Educator License with endorsement in Guidance Counselor 436
2. Applicant must validate technology competency by attaining the established minimum score or higher on an assessment approved by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE). The assessment must be directly related to technology competency required by the grade level and subject matter being taught. Approved assessments for this license are IC3, Propulse, or other specific assessment created by third-party vendors, authorized by the Local Education Agency (LEA) and approved by the MDE.
3. ~~Successfully complete two, three credit hour courses (with grades of “C” or higher), or two workshops (with Certification of completion), or two education modules (with Certification of completion). The courses, workshops and/or modules must be approved by MDE/OCTE prior to offering and consist of the following: (1) Student Recruitment, Placement, and Follow Up, and (2) History and Philosophy or Principles of Vocational Education. Contact Office of Educator Licensure for a list of courses/workshops/education modules that meet these requirements.~~
4. Applicant must successfully complete a Certification for online learning workshop, module, or course that is approved by the Mississippi Department of Education.
5. Applicant must successfully complete a CTE Counselor workshop, module, or course that is approved by the Mississippi Department of Education.