Text of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC

Chapter 230. Professional Educator Preparation and Certification

Subchapter N. Certificate Issuance Procedures

§230.437. Issuance of Additional Certificates Based on Examination.

General provisions. A teacher who holds a valid provisional, professional, or standard classroom teaching certificate or a valid temporary classroom teaching certificate issued under the provisions of Subchapter O of this chapter (relating to Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States), or Chapter 245 of this title (relating to Certification of Educators from Other Countries), and a baccalaureate degree may qualify for an additional teaching field or certification to teach at another level by passing the appropriate certification examination(s) for that subject. The rule shall not be used to qualify a classroom teacher for:

(1) initial certification;

(2) career and technical education certification based on skill and experience <u>, with the exception of Marketing Education: Grades 8-12</u> ;

(3) another class of certificate, as listed in Chapter 232, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Types and Classes of Certificates Issued);

(4) certification for which no certification examination has been developed.

Subchapter P. Requirements for Standard Certificates and Specialized Assignments or Programs

§230.483. Specific Requirements for Standard Career and Technical Education Certificates Based on Experience and Preparation.

(a)-(b) (No Change.)

(c) Career and technical education certificate. Approval of career and technical education teachers shall be based on prior experience and preparation in a skill area.

(1) Prospective career and technical education teachers shall submit a statement of qualifications detailing prior experience and skill area preparation to the educator preparation program approved to prepare teachers for the career and technical education certificate sought. The certification officer of the educator preparation program shall review the applicant's statement of qualifications to determine whether the applicant meets the appropriate approval criteria specified in this subsection. <u>In the case of an educator who otherwise qualifies for certification by examination in Marketing Education: Grades 8-12, the review and approval of required work experience may be performed by a certified school administrator.</u>

(2) Under this subsection, 12 months of wage-earning experience consisting of at least 40 hours per week shall equal one year of full-time experience. Wage-earning experience consisting of less than 40, but at least 20, hours per week shall be calculated at a 50% rate in determining years of full-time experience. Wage-earning experience consisting of less than 20 hours per week shall not be considered acceptable in determining full-time experience.

(3) Postsecondary and proprietary school teaching experience in the specific occupational area for which the candidate is seeking certification may be counted on a year-for-year basis in lieu of on-the-job experience. Proprietary schools must be accredited or otherwise approved by the Texas Workforce Commission. Recency of experience, as well as current licensure, certification, or registration by a state or nationally recognized accrediting agency must be met.