



Memorandum

To: Chief Academic Officers and Provosts

From: Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation and Transfer

Date: February 12, 2015

Subject: Updated Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG): Automotive Technology

I am pleased to announce an update to a Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG) that facilitates transfer from Ohio's public secondary career-technical institutions and Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs) to Ohio's public colleges and universities.

This memorandum will discuss the updated Automotive Technology CTAG, and request nominations for participants in upcoming statewide meetings.

Automotive Technology

The Automotive Technology CTAG was updated through the Secondary Career-Technical Alignment Initiative (SCTAI), a collaborative effort between the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) that supports the legislative mandates in ORC 3333.162. Faculty experts from two-year institutions across the state worked on the initiative to ensure similar academic content by examining and providing input into ODE Content Standards and then aligning those standards with post-secondary learning outcomes and, in the case of Automotive Technology, industry standards and credentials. A survey was sent to all University System of Ohio member institutions for review, comment, and endorsement. Findings favored the update of the already existing statewide agreement. The attached Assurance Guide details the criteria that will provide career-technical students the opportunity to earn credit for the following approved Career-Technical Articulation Numbers (CTANs):

Introduction to Automotive Service and Repair: **CTAUT005** = 2 semester hours

Introduction to Medium and Heavy Transportation Equipment Technology: **CTAUT006** = 2 semester hours

In 2013, NATEF moved from the certification of programs to program accreditation, and subsequently updated the curriculum and student and technician testing systems. Programs were given guidelines by which they would need to become accredited. Consequently, OBR will

sunset the legacy Automotive Technology CTAG (dated February 29, 2008), no later than the end of the **Spring 2018** semester.

Institutions that are currently accredited by NATEF under the 2013 standards must submit their proof of NATEF accreditation and corresponding courses for the new Automotive Technology CTAG (dated February 11, 2015) to OBR by using the Course Equivalency Management System (CEMS). **Institutions with NATEF accreditation using the pre-2013 standards will maintain approval under the legacy Automotive Technology CTAG until the end of the Spring 2018 semester, when their pre-2013 NATEF accreditation expires.**

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Please review the attached CTAG document, as well as the FAQ Document, for information on how secondary students can access this credit at your institution.

Statewide Meeting Information

To facilitate the successful expansion of career-technical opportunities for credit to secondary partners, the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network will host several statewide meetings **for discipline-specific faculty and front line personnel** at your institution. We are seeking representation from the following disciplines: Criminal Justice, Medical Laboratory Assisting, Health Information Management, Exercise Science, and Automotive Technology and Ground Transportation. We ask that you nominate one(1) to two (2) faculty members for each discipline in the attached survey, and at least one (1), but not more than two(2) representatives from the front lines of your institution (in the area of admissions, transfer coordination, or registration) to attend one of the statewide meetings. If you completed your nominations when the request was made with previous CTAG announcements, you do not need to make additional nominations.

Nominations should be submitted no later **February 13, 2015** via this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RZ2HTB9>.

Meeting participants will receive confirmation from our office.

I would like to thank all of those involved in this process for their dedication and support. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tonya Ervin, Assistant Director of Career-Technical Initiatives at 614.387.1022 or tervin@regents.state.oh.us or Jamilah Tucker at 614.466.0543 or jtucker@regents.state.oh.us.