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Career-Readiness and Dual-Credit Education Grant Program

Who*:

- Teachers who are enrolled or want to enroll in graduate course work necessary to meet postsecondary institution requirements to teach college-level courses (dual credit).
- Teachers taking courses outside of a degree program to become qualified to teach career and technical education courses, including supplemental endorsements recognized by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE).
- Prospective teachers, sponsored by a high school, who are preparing for competency tests that may qualify them to teach career and technical education courses.
- College faculty seeking a postsecondary teaching permit from NDE.

What:

- Grants for tuition and fees for up to 18 graduate or undergraduate credit hours, depending on the teacher education pathway, or for the costs of preparation and competency testing for certifications leading to qualification to teacher career and technical education courses.
- Grants are limited to three courses per year and will cover actual tuition and fee charges or test preparation and examination fees not to exceed tuition and fees charged for online graduate courses at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

How:

- Review the [CRDC Grant Guidelines](#).
- Review the education pathways in the [Directory of Available Teacher Education Pathways](#). Bear in mind that individualized teacher education pathways that meet the requirements of the CRDC Grant Program may be developed with the approval of a Nebraska postsecondary institution and your employing high school.
- Download and complete the [CRDC Grant application](#) available on the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) website.
- Submit the CRDC Grant application to the CCPE along with written affirmation of your education plan from your Nebraska postsecondary institution and your employer.

Award Process:

- Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, with first priority given to applicants who previously received a CRDC grant but have not completed their teacher education pathway, followed by applicants pursuing priority teacher education pathways designated by the CCPE.

- Grant recipients will submit tuition and fee invoices to the CCPE on a term-by-term basis. Payment of tuition and fees will be made directly to a Nebraska postsecondary institution by the CCPE on the grant recipient's behalf.
- Grant recipients will submit grade reports to the CCPE on a term-by-term basis and provide proof that educational objectives have been met at the conclusion of their pathway.

**The CRDC Education Grant Program is not intended for college students enrolled in a teacher education program leading to an initial teaching certificate or currently certified teachers seeking graduate degrees or endorsements other than career and technical education supplemental endorsements. Such students and teachers may be served by the existing Attracting Excellence to Teaching and Enhancing Excellence in Teaching programs.*

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