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|  | Maine’s secondary concentrator definition |
| Federal CTE Secondary Concentrator definition | ‘‘CTE concentrator’’ means—at the secondary school level, a student served by an eligible recipient who has completed at least 2 courses in a single career and technical education program or program of study |
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| Maine’s CTE Secondary equivalent of at least 2 courses in a program or program of study | A Secondary CTE Concentrator is a student who has attended an approved secondary CTE program for one full school year. In Maine an approved secondary CTE program is required to have 350 hours of instructional time per academic year. This time requirement is the equivalent to a 3-course program that consists of 3 periods per day, 5 day a week for 175 school day. |
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| Rational: | Maine Chapter 313: “Career and technical education” means a course or program of education designed to create or improve job-related skills that is part of a secondary school curriculum and approved by the commissioner according to this chapter. ... An approved sequence of rigorous career technical courses at the secondary level which prepare students for entry-level careers. Unless a waiver has been granted by the Commissioner of Education, each sequence is comprised of a minimum 350 hours for a 1-year program and 700 hours for a 2-year program and delivering the selected industry standard for the program area. Programs and standards are approved by the Commissioner of Education during the program application approval process. CTE programs also prepare students by providing the foundations for more advanced postsecondary training, as well as assisting students to complete relevant state academic standards. |

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|  | Maine’s postsecondary concentrator definition |
| Federal CTE Postsecondary Concentrator definition | ‘‘CTE concentrator’’ means—  “at the postsecondary level, a student enrolled in an eligible recipient who has – (i) earned at least 12 credits within a single career and technical education program or program of study; or (ii) completed such a program if the program encompasses fewer than 12 credits or the equivalent in total.” |
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| Maine’s CTE Postsecondary equivalent of at least 2 courses in a program or program of study | A postsecondary CTE Concentrator is a student who has – (i) earned at least 12 credits within a single career and technical program or program of study comprised of 12 or more academic and technical credits that terminates in the award of an industry-recognized credential, including certificates and degrees; or (ii) completed such a program if the program encompasses fewer than 12 credits or the equivalent in total. |
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| Rational: | Inclusion of academic and technical credits to clarify that the credits earned may include all types of credit required for the completion of the credential. Added possible resulting credentials to ensure industry relevance.  College degree credit hours are based on the number of student contact hours. A contact hour includes any lecture or lab time when the professor is teaching the student or coaching the student while they apply the course information to an activity. Most courses are 3 credit hours per week for 15 weeks. Based on Maine Community College System Policy 302:  A **certificate** is awarded upon the successful completion of a prescribed program of vocational and/or technical courses that leads to an occupational skill and includes the following:   * + 16 to 36 credit hours of coursework, including appropriate related and/or general education courses as specified by the program;   + Demonstrated competence in mathematics and communication skills at a level consistent with the requirements of the program. This competency may be demonstrated either by satisfactory performance on prescribed academic assessment tests or by completing required communications and mathematics courses; and   + Achievement of a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.   + Includes in the core curriculum a minimum of 25% of the credits that differentiate the program and build knowledge depth in an area of focus of the program.   An **Associate in Applied Science** credential is awarded upon the successful completion of a program designed for employment in a specific occupation or to upgrade skills to improve the opportunity for advancement within an existing position. The approximate number of credit hours is 68.   * + - General Education       * + Writing 6 credits         + Quantitative Literacy/Natural Science 6-7 credits         + Creative Arts/Humanities/Social Science 6 credits         + Any General Education Elective 3 credits     - Program Core up to 34 credits   + Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average 2.0.   An **Associate in Science** credential is awarded upon the successful completion of a program designed primarily to prepare students to transfer to an upper division baccalaureate program with an emphasis in math and/or science.   * + - General Education       * + Writing/ Communication 6 credits         + Quantitative Literacy/Natural Science 12\*-15 credits         + Creative Arts/Humanities 3 credits         + Social Science 3 credits         + Diversity/Ethical Reasoning 3 credits         + Any General Education Elective 3\*\* credits       * Program Core up to 34 credits       * Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average 2.0   An **Advanced Certificate** for occupational programs of study is awarded upon the successful completion of a prescribed program of vocational and/or technical courses designed to enhance the occupational skills of students seeking employment in highly specialized occupations. Advanced Certificates require:   * + 16 to 36 credit hours of coursework as specified by the program exclusive of practicum hours;   + Achievement of a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0; |