



DIVISION OF ACADEMICS
Department of Career and Technical Education
UPDATE
As of April 3, 2020



Please note that the information provided below comes directly from information received on a DOE Conference Call Update held on 04/02/2020 and has not yet been posted on the DOE website as of 04/03/2020.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH STUDENTS ENROLLED IN OUR OJT PROGRAMS?

OJT students are transitioning to distance learning using our M-DCP Instructional Continuity Plan under the direction of their OJT teacher.

On the Job Training

For students enrolled in pre-apprenticeship, on the job training (OJT) or internships, are they still permitted to work and intern?

The answer to this question depends on the individual arrangement and whether the business in which the student is working/interning is considered an “essential business” pursuant to the Governor’s “Safer at Home” Executive Order.

In some cases, it might be appropriate if the student’s work-based learning experience is safe and is attentive to social distancing (i.e., the student interacts with very few other people) in accordance with CDC guidelines. Ultimately, this is a local decision that should be made in partnership with the student, parents and/or caregivers, school leadership and the employer.

- Students in these situations may now transition back to the classroom (distance learning) and receive instruction and assignments (i.e. employability skills development, research projects, portfolio or other capstone culminating projects) for the remainder of the semester.
- To assist OJT programs, the Division has created some sample lessons and made resource available at <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1SVclNsmUuLuU6Ab8VuKZegpd5dmNJnkj>
- Additional guidance on OJT is forthcoming

WILL M-DCPS ALLOW INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION EXAMS TO BE GIVEN REMOTELY AT HOME?

M-DCPS Department of Career and Technical is in constant communication with the DOE Division of Career and Technical Education as to which testing agencies will be approved. More information will follow as soon as we receive directive from the Division.

In the meantime, instructional resources have been provided to continue distant learning instruction via the M-DCPS Instructional Continuity Plan.



Industry Certification

- The Department is currently researching current activity by certifying agencies to provide remote proctoring and at-home access to exams.
- Issues include:
 - Verification of candidate identify
 - Security of test delivery to minimize potential testing irregularities

WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ON REGULATED PROGRAMS?

Our partners at Florida Association for Career and Technical Education (FACTE) have established resource repositories through google drive to share information for both secondary CTE and all postsecondary CTE partners, including FCS institutions. You do not need a google account to access these sites. They may be accessed as follows:

- K-12 Secondary CTE Information:
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ZvWC8vCwPkuo1Wu5sGJcNDfhchJ5Vn7M>
- District Postsecondary and Florida College System CTE Information <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1nMp6vozvHDka59NmTRRehvhYw4xZ-XU2>

The Department is quickly posting information as it becomes available. Simply click on the “regulated program information” folder.

Please note we are also including information received from program-specific accrediting bodies at that location as well.

www.FLDOE.org

Program-Level Accreditation Information

- Many secondary and postsecondary CTE programs (regulated and non-regulated) hold program-specific accreditation from national boards and organizations that require student clinical hours or other work-based learning experiences in order to maintain accreditation status.
- Some industry certification credentialing agencies require clinical or other work/field-based experiences in order to be eligible to sit for an industry certification or licensure examination.
- *The Department is working to conduct this research on your behalf; however, it is critical that you reach out to these boards and organizations for guidance on COVID-19 waivers or exemptions being issued at this time due to the fluidity of the situation.*

Automotive Services

Due to school campuses being closed and not having in-person contact with students, will the deadlines for ASE Education Foundation Accreditation (formally NATAF) be extended?

Yes. The Department reached out to Mike Coley, ASE Education Foundation President, who confirmed this. Exact specifics can be found at <http://aseeducationfoundation.org/coronavirus> which details 1) Extending Expirations and Due Dates and 2) Providing Allowances and Waivers for Accreditation Requirements.

This information has been distributed to our state secondary and postsecondary automotive program contact list.

Pharmacy Technician

Can we get clarification from Board of Pharmacy for pharmacy technician program students who also need a specific number of clinical hours?

While the occupation of pharmacy technician is regulated by Florida Board of Pharmacy (the Board), clinical hours are not regulated, mandated or set by the Board for Pharmacy Technician programs. Under Board rules, only the following are regulated: 1) Instructor qualifications, and 2) overall content of the program.

Regulatory requirements are posted on their web site at the following link:

<https://floridaspharmacy.gov/licensing/registered-pharmacy-technician-training-program>

Law Enforcement

Is there any guidance for law enforcement programs regarding the delivery of classroom (cognitive) and practical components of the curriculum regulated by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) (i.e., Law Enforcement, Correctional Officer, and Probation Officer)?

While the CJSTC has not yet taken action, they will be hosting a teleconference Wednesday, April 8th, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., EDT. to discuss the suspension of rules and/or statutes that are under the purview of the commission.

Meeting Notice may be viewed at: https://www.flrules.org/gateway/View_Notice.asp?id=23100761.

Cosmetology

Have we had any guidance from the Florida Board of Cosmetology regarding distance education options?

School districts and FCS institutions have the discretion and flexibility to determine the method of instructional delivery for theoretical and practical/skill-based training for their individual programs, which may include laboratory simulation (virtual or in-person) in accordance with the State Board of Education adopted curriculum framework.

The Department has confirmed this with the Board of Cosmetology in the following response:

In response to your e-mail requesting direction from DBPR regarding the means as to how students will be able to meet the required number of skills for cosmetology, barbering, facial specialty and nail specialty, program directions and/or the establishment of the required training for those programs do not fall within the jurisdiction/purview of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

Cosmetology (continued)

Chapter 61G5, Florida Administrative Code specifies and outlines the course contents for the various programs. We do not specify or establish the procedures for meeting the competencies of the required programs. Certification and training for the various programs would fall within the jurisdiction of the school(s) and/or the Department of Education.

What about the minimum 1200 hours of pre-licensure instruction that must be completed prior to sitting for the cosmetology licensure exam?

As of this webinar presentation, the Department is not aware of any Board of Cosmetology suspension of rules that would waive the 1200 hour requirement. We are continuing to research this with our contacts at the Board of Cosmetology.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION REGARDING CTE PROGRAM UPDATES?

The CTE Department has been in contact with CTE teachers either via email or when necessary via MS Teams. However, teachers can reach out via email to their respective Instructional Supervisors for any additional concerns. To obtain updates directly from the DOE, please note the information below:

- Key documents are available here:
 - <http://www.fldoe.org/em-response/documents.stml>
- DOE Order No. 2020-EO-01:
 - <http://fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/19861/urlt/DOEORDERNO2020-EO-01.pdf>
- FAQ #1 on Postsecondary, CTE and Adult Issues:
 - <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/19861/urlt/FAQDCAEFCS.pdf>