Certification Staffing Assignment
Cooperative Education
(7-12)

Cooperative Education is the science or art involved in teaching the technical skills, knowledge acquisition and workplace training essential to students. Students with specific career objectives are molded with related employment experiences while they attend planned periods of career related classroom theory.

Grade Level Scope of Certificate:
A person holding a valid PA certificate for cooperative education is qualified to plan and teach cooperative education training and courses including work based instruction and training activities in grades 7 through 12.

Certification Assignment:
An educator holding a valid PA certificate for cooperative education is qualified to teach cooperative education programs of study and to provide work placement services for students into selected training agencies in the community, and supervise students at a work-based site.

Special Considerations:
Cooperative Education certification requires a pre-existing Pennsylvania Instructional I or II or Vocational Instructional I or II certificate. The certified educator may teach cooperative education courses to special education or gifted students within the scope of the certificate.

An educator certified in this field may provide school staff development services regarding their collegial studies/skills, may serve in the role of mentor or advisor, and may assist students in understanding the “reading” content area materials related to this subject area.

References:
Program Specific Guidelines for Certification

PA Public School Code: §1202
§1212
§1604
This revision supersedes all earlier CSPG’s carrying this number and/or addressing this subject. Previous printing dates on this subject: 1973, 3/75, 3/78, 2/82, 1/87