

## Health Professions for South Carolina Health Science Teacher Certification\*

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION • OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
GUIDELINES FOR CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION WORK-BASED CERTIFICATION  
HEALTH SCIENCE TEACHER CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES**

Appendix D addresses guidelines that are unique and essential for certification of Health Science teachers.

### I. Requirements

In addition to meeting all requirements of Regulation R. 43-63 and Section III of the Guidelines for Career and Technology Education Work-Based Certification, supplemental requirements for certification of Health Science Technology Education teachers are provided.

#### A. Competency Validation

Teacher candidates must:

- (1) Possess a minimum of an associate's degree as a healthcare professional related to health science from a regionally accredited institution of higher education or approved by the State Board of Education (a diploma graduate of nursing would qualify);
- (2) Maintain an active nationally recognized healthcare professions license, certificate, or registration. The requirements for licensure, certification, or registration must include at least two years of formal education requirements to prepare the healthcare professional; and
- (3) Document minimum employment in healthcare as a licensed, certified, or registered healthcare professional as outlined in Appendix A.

#### B. Basic Skills Validation

Teacher candidates must take the WorkKeys examination during the first year of induction certification. The candidate will have five years to successfully pass the examination. The measurement of basic skills can be attempted as many times as offered through the fifth year of teaching.

Career Title	Certification/Licensure/Registration	Acronym	MINIMUM length of education for license, certification or registration training
Athletic Trainer	National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., (BOC) <a href="http://www.bocatc.org/">http://www.bocatc.org/</a> South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control <a href="http://www.scdhec.gov/health/ems/athletic_trainer.htm">http://www.scdhec.gov/health/ems/athletic_trainer.htm</a>	ATC	bachelor's degree
Audiologist	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; National Certification of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A) <a href="http://asha.org/aud/">http://asha.org/aud/</a>	AUD	doctoral degree
Cardiovascular Technologist	American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers Registry Examination <a href="http://www.ardms.org">http://www.ardms.org</a>	RCVT	associate degree
Chiropractor	National Board of Chiropractic Examiners <a href="http://www.nbce.org/">http://www.nbce.org/</a> South Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Chiropractors">www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Chiropractors</a>	DC	doctor of chiropractic
Clinical Exercise Specialist	American College of Sports Medicine <a href="http://www.acsm.org/">http://www.acsm.org/</a>	CES	bachelor's degree
Clinical Laboratory Scientist (Medical Technologist)	American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP) <a href="http://www.ascp.org/">http://www.ascp.org/</a>	CLS or MT	bachelor's degree

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Clinical Laboratory Technician (Medical Laboratory Technician)	American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP) <a href="http://www.ascp.org">http://www.ascp.org</a>	CLT or MLT	associate degree
Corrective Exercise Specialist	National Academy of Sports Medicine <a href="http://www.nasm.org/prevent/">http://www.nasm.org/prevent/</a>	CES	bachelor's degree
Cytotechnologist	American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP) <a href="http://www.ascp.org">http://www.ascp.org</a>	CT	bachelor 's degree
Dental Hygienist	National Dental Hygiene Certification Board <a href="http://www.ndhcb.ca/en/index.php">http://www.ndhcb.ca/en/index.php</a> South Carolina Board of Dentistry <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Dentistry/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Dentistry/</a>	RDH	associate degree
Dental Laboratory Technician	National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology <a href="http://nbccert.org/">http://nbccert.org/</a> South Carolina Board of Dentistry <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Dentistry/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Dentistry/</a>	CDT	associate degree
Dentist	American Dental Association <a href="http://www.ada.org/prof/prac/licensure/index.asp">http://www.ada.org/prof/prac/licensure/index.asp</a> South Carolina Board of Dentistry <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Dentistry/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Dentistry/</a>	DDS or DDM	doctor or dental surgery/medicine
Diagnostic Medical Sonographer	American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers <a href="http://www.ardms.org">http://www.ardms.org</a>	ARDMS	associate degree
Dietitian/Nutritionist	Commission on Dietetic Registration <a href="http://www.cdrnet.org/">http://www.cdrnet.org/</a> Clinical Nutrition Certification Board <a href="http://www.cncb.org/">http://www.cncb.org/</a> South Carolina Panel for Dietetics <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Dietetics/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Dietetics/</a>	RD CNCB	bachelor's degree
Emergency Medical Services Paramedic	National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians <a href="http://www.nremt.org/">http://www.nremt.org/</a> SC Department of Health and Environmental Control <a href="http://www.dhec.sc.gov/health/ems/">http://www.dhec.sc.gov/health/ems/</a>	EMT- Paramedic	associate degree/completion of a paramedic training program approved by SC- DHEC

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Exercise Physiologist	American Society of Exercise Physiologists <a href="http://www.asep.org/">http://www.asep.org/</a> American College of Sports Medicine <a href="http://www.acsm.org">http://www.acsm.org</a>	EPC RCEP	bachelor's degree
Healthcare Administrator	American College of Health Care Administrators <a href="http://achca.org/joomla/">http://achca.org/joomla/</a> South Carolina Board of Long Term Healthcare Administrators <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/longtermhealthcare">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/longtermhealthcare</a>	NAB	bachelor's degree
Health Education Specialist (Certified Health Education Specialist)	National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. <a href="http://www.nchec.org/">http://www.nchec.org/</a>	CHES	bachelor's degree
Health Fitness Specialist	American College of Sports Medicine <a href="http://www.acsm.org/">http://www.acsm.org/</a>	HFS	bachelor's degree in Kinesiology, Exercise Science or other exercise-based degree
Health Information Management (Registered Health Information Administrator/Registered Health Information Technician)	American Health Information Management Association <a href="http://www.ahima.org/certification/default.aspx">http://www.ahima.org/certification/default.aspx</a>	RHIA or RHIT	associate degree
Histotechnologist	American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP) <a href="http://www.ascp.org">http://www.ascp.org</a>	HTL	bachelor's degree
Nuclear Medicine Technologist	American Registry of Radiologic Technologists <a href="http://www.arrt.org">www.arrt.org</a> Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board <a href="http://www.nmtcb.org">http://www.nmtcb.org</a> South Carolina Radiation Quality Standards Association <a href="http://www.scrqsa.org">www.scrqsa.org</a>	NMT	associate degree
Occupational Therapist	South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/occupationaltherapy/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/occupationaltherapy/</a>	OTR	master's degree
Occupational Therapy Assistant	South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/occupationaltherapy/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/occupationaltherapy/</a>	COTA	associate degree

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Optometrist	National Board of Examiners in Optometry <a href="http://www.optometry.org/">http://www.optometry.org/</a> South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/optometry/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/optometry/</a>	OD	doctorate of optometry
Pharmacist	South Carolina Board of Pharmacy <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/pharmacy">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/pharmacy</a>	RPh	bachelor of science pharmacy doctor of pharmacy
Physical Therapist	South Board of Physical Therapists <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/physicaltherapy/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/physicaltherapy/</a>	PT	master's degree
Physical Therapy Assistant	South Board of Physical Therapists <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/physicaltherapy/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/physicaltherapy/</a>	PTA	associate degree
Physician	South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/medical/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/medical/</a>	MD or DO	doctor of medicine or osteopathy
Physician Assistant	South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/medical/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/medical/</a>	PA	graduate from accredited program, generally a master degree
Podiatrist	South Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/podiatry/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/podiatry/</a>	DPM	doctorate of podiatric medicine
Prosthetist/Orthotist	American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics <a href="http://abcop.org/Pages/default.aspx">http://abcop.org/Pages/default.aspx</a>	CO, CP	bachelor's degree
Psychologist	South Carolina Board of Examiners in Psychology <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/psychology/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/psychology/</a>	PhD	doctorate in psychology
Radiation Therapy Technologist	South Carolina Radiology Quality Standards Association <a href="http://www.scrqsa.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=5">http://www.scrqsa.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=5</a>	RRT	associate degree
Radiologic Technologist	South Carolina Radiology Quality Standards Association <a href="http://www.scrqsa.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=5">http://www.scrqsa.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=5</a>	RT	associate degree
Recreational Therapist	National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification <a href="http://www.nctrc.org/">http://www.nctrc.org/</a>	CTR or CTRS	master's degree
Registered Nurse	South Carolina Board of Nursing <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/</a>	RN	associate degree
Respiratory Care Practitioner	National Board for Respiratory Care <a href="http://www.nbrc.org/">http://www.nbrc.org/</a> South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners-Respiratory Care Commission <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/medical/index.asp?file=RCPInforPage.htm">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/medical/index.asp?file=RCPInforPage.htm</a>	CRTT or RRT	associate degree

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Social Worker	National Association of Social Workers <a href="http://www.socialworkers.org/nasw/default.asp">http://www.socialworkers.org/nasw/default.asp</a> South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/SocialWorkers/index.asp?file">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/SocialWorkers/index.asp?file</a>	LCSW or LMSW-AP	bachelor's degree
Speech/Language Pathologist	Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/speech/index.asp?file">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/speech/index.asp?file</a>	SLP CCC-A	master's degree
Veterinarian	South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners <a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/veterinary/">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/veterinary/</a>	DVM	doctor of veterinary medicine
<p>*The list of health professions is not inclusive. If you have questions or need further clarification, please contact: Angel Clark, Health Science Education Associate, South Carolina Department of Education, Office of Career and Technology Education <a href="mailto:AClark@ed.sc.gov">AClark@ed.sc.gov</a>, 803-734-0372</p>			