

**290-3-2-.23 Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in a Technical Education Program Area Approach.**

(1) **General Requirements for a Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in a Technical Education Program Area.** A Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in a technical education program area may be issued when all general requirements and specific requirements for the program area are met. The general requirements are:

- (a) A criminal history background check as required by the Alabama Child Protection Act of 1999, as amended, and Rule 290-3-2-.02(9).
- (b) Approval of the State Director of Career and Technical Education.

(2) **Specific Requirements for the Issuance of a Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificate in a Technical Education Program Area.**

(a) Type, Degree Equivalency, Valid Period, and Renewability.

Type	Degree Equivalency	Valid Period*	Renewable
Specialty Area 1	Bachelor's	2 years**	No
Specialty Area 1	Bachelor's	3 years**	No
Specialty Area 2	Bachelor's	Minimum of 5 years	Yes
Specialty Area 3	Master's	Minimum of 5 years	Yes
Specialty Area 4	Master's	Minimum of 5 years	Yes
Specialty Area 5	Sixth-year	Minimum of 5 years	Yes
Level 2	Bachelor's	Minimum of 5 years	Yes
Level 3	Master's	Minimum of 5 years	Yes
Level 4	Master's	Minimum of 5 years	Yes
Level 5	Sixth-year	Minimum of 5 years	Yes
Type II***	Bachelor's	Minimum of 5 years	Yes
Type III***	Bachelor's	Minimum of 5 years	Yes

\*Renewable Career and Technical Certificates issued beginning December 2013 are valid from the date of issuance through the remainder of the same scholastic year, and thereafter, for the next five consecutive scholastic years.

\*\*Specialty Area 1 Certificates issued with a valid period beginning prior to July 1, 2013, were valid for 3 years. Specialty Area 1 Certificates issued with a valid period beginning July 1, 2013, and thereafter, are valid for 2 years.

\*\*\*These certificates were initially issued on the basis of Rules in effect prior to July 1, 1997. These certificates may be continued but cannot be reinstated.