

Career and Technology Studies

CTS Prerequisites for 2010–2012

Revisions to the Career and Technology Studies (CTS) program have created new opportunities for students to create *pathways to possibilities*. To support the transition from previous CTS courses to revised CTS courses, the following provisions for prerequisites are in place. Course prerequisites provide foundational knowledge for further learning and/or safety reasons. It is recommended that all students complete prerequisite courses where possible. Teachers should make every effort to ensure that outcomes that are necessary from prerequisite courses are covered.

If a student has **no prior CTS experience**, all prerequisites for all courses apply.

Grandfathering Courses

1. If a student **has prior CTS experience**, course selections regarding prerequisites should be aligned with the *Existing to New* documents available for each cluster on the Alberta Education Web site at <http://education.alberta.ca/teachers/program/cts/program-of-studies.aspx>. For example, if a student has completed CMH1080: Perspectives on Health, such a student can, however, use CMH1080 in place of HSS1010 as the prerequisite course wherever HSS1010 appears in the CTS program.
2. In the event that a missing prerequisite course negatively affects a student's progress in an already chosen pathway, Alberta Education will grandfather new prerequisite courses for Grade 11 and Grade 12 students for the next two years, ending August 31, 2012. Under these special circumstances, course prerequisites will not apply.

Courses that fall within the grandfathering clause include:

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| AGR1040: Introduction to Animal Basics | HCS1100: Infection & Immunity 1 |
| AGR1050: Plant Propagation | HCS1110: Infection & Immunity 2 |
| AGR1085: Floral Design 1 | HSS1020: Nutrition & Wellness |
| CCS1030: Caring for Body Systems 1 | HSS1050: Introduction to Mentorship |
| COM1005: Visual Composition | HSS1080: Leadership Fundamentals 1 |
| ENS1030: Consumerism | REC1040: Foundations for Training 1 |
| ENS1040: Living with the Environment | REC1050: Sport Psychology 1 |
| ENS1110: Natural Resources | TOU1120: Adventure & Ecotourism 1 |
| FAS1170: Digital Embroidery Tools 1 | WLD1100: Outdoor Cooking Theory |

Note: Students will not receive credit for these courses if not completed.

3. Prerequisite courses for **off-campus education** have been grandfathered as well. See <http://education.alberta.ca/teachers/program/off-campus.aspx> for more information regarding off-campus education.

- All students beginning a **Career Internship, RAP or Work Experience** off-campus education program following the new *Off-campus Education Handbook* as of September 1, 2010 or later must complete HCS3000: Workplace Safety Systems prior to their practical learning experience.
- All students beginning a **Green Certificate** off-campus education program following the new *Off-campus Education Handbook* as of September 1, 2010 or later must take AGR3000: Agriculture Safety prior to their practical learning experience.
- For students following the *Off-campus Education Guide for Administrators, Counsellors and Teachers (2000)*, CTR1010: Job Preparation, the prerequisite for **Work Experience**, will be grandfathered until August 31, 2013. As of September 1, 2011, students taking **Career Internship** and **RAP** must complete the prerequisites as indicated in the new *Off-campus Education Handbook*.
- Students who have successfully completed CTR1210: Personal Safety (Management) and CTR2210: Workplace Safety (Practices) may use these courses as the prerequisite courses in place of HCS3000: Workplace Safety Systems and HCS3010: Workplace Safety Practices, respectively, as indicated in the table below.

| Grade | 2010–2011 | 2011–2012 | 2012–2013 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 10 | ✓ | | |
| 11 | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 12 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

- Students who have successfully completed CTR1210: Personal Safety (Management) may use this course as a prerequisite course in place of AGR3000: Agriculture Safety as indicated in the table below.

| Grade | 2010–2011 | 2011–2012 | 2012–2013 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 10 | ✓ | | |
| 11 | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 12 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Note: The new *Off-campus Education Handbook* is mandatory for September 1, 2011.

Waiving Courses

Note: Students will earn credit for a prerequisite course that has been waived and will receive a ‘P’ on their transcript. Schools will not receive funding for a waived course.

School principals have the authority to waive a course provided the student has met the course outcomes through previous learning experiences. Waiving a course requires that documentation be forwarded to Learner Records and Data Exchange at Alberta Education. See page 104 in the *Guide to Education: ECS to Grade 12*

(<http://education.alberta.ca/admin/resources/guidetoed.aspx>) for more information.

Schools will not receive funding for waived courses. See page 19 of the *Funding Manual for School Authorities* (<http://education.alberta.ca/admin/funding/manual.aspx>) for more information.

Challenging Courses

Note: Students will earn credit for a prerequisite course that has been challenged and will receive a course mark on their transcript. Schools will receive 20% funding for a course that has been challenged.

If a student has acquired the content of a prerequisite through prior learning, a course challenge is possible. See page 105 in the *Guide to Education: ECS to Grade 12*

(<http://education.alberta.ca/admin/resources/guidetoed.aspx>) for more information.

Trade Pathways

All courses must be taught, including prerequisite courses, to meet the requirements established by Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training (e.g., Carpenter Trade, Cook Trade) to qualify for First Period Apprenticeship. Trade pathways are the 3400 series courses.

Note: Anomalies regarding prerequisite requirements may be addressed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the specifics and circumstances regarding prior learning and needed requirements. Please call 780-427-5366 if you have specific questions related to course prerequisites.