Western Michigan University’s Career and Technical (CTE) Education (M.A.) is a graduate program in education that leads to teacher certification.

All but one course and intern teaching can be completed online.

The program helps students become certified to teach their trade in:
- Business,
- Marketing,
- Family and Consumer Sciences,
- Engineering, or
- Industrial Technology.

The teacher certification portion of the degree program can be completed in as little as 18 credit hours and intern teaching.

Beginning CTE teacher salaries range from $38,000 to $57,000.

Graduates can also teach community college or become a corporate trainer depending on work experience.
Career and Technical Education (M.A.)

Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
The primary focus of our program is to prepare individuals to teach career and technical education-related subject areas in middle schools, comprehensive high schools, and technical centers.

Our graduates are in high demand due to the large number of teachers retiring. In addition, very few universities have career and technical education programs.

All faculty are former secondary-level career and technical education instructors. Faculty research interests include program evaluation, CTE professional development, CTE teacher education competencies, CTE federal policy, college and career selection, and global education.

Admissions
Applications are accepted any time, and the GRE is not required for admission.

Candidates must have a bachelor’s degree in FCS, business, marketing, engineering, electronics, construction, automotive technology, nursing, or an industrial technology/trades area.

Candidates must have at least 2,000 hours of work experience in the field related to their bachelor’s degree. All required application materials are noted on the department website at www.wmich.edu/consumer/

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
None offered at this point.

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