

Teacher Qualifications for Technological Education and Computer Studies

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Question	Response
1. Which teachers can be assigned to teach the new Green Industries and Computer Technology courses?	<p>Teachers with technological education qualifications may be assigned to teach the new Green Industries and Computer Technology courses in Grades 9 and 10 by mutual agreement of the teacher, school principal, with the approval of the appropriate supervisory officer and with due regard for the safety and welfare of students and provision of the best possible program.</p> <p>Teachers with technological education qualifications may be assigned to teach the new Green Industries and Computer Technology courses in Grades 11 and 12 if the school board applies for, and is granted, a Temporary Letter of Approval (TLA) for the teacher.</p> <p>Teachers with general studies qualifications may be assigned to teach the new Green Industries and Computer Technology courses in Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 if the school board applies for, and is granted, a TLA for the teacher.</p> <p>The Ministry will work with the Ontario College of Teachers to facilitate the approval process for the 2009-2010 school year.</p>

<p>2. Which teachers are able to teach the revised Computer Studies courses?</p>	<p>Teachers with general studies qualifications and qualifications in Computer Studies or Business Studies – Data Processing may be assigned to teach courses in the <i>Computer Studies, Grades 10-12</i> curriculum.</p> <p>Teachers with general studies qualifications may be assigned to teach courses in the <i>Computer Studies, Grades 10-12</i> curriculum by mutual agreement of the teacher, school principal, with the approval of the appropriate supervisory officer and with due regard for the safety and welfare of students and provision of the best possible program.</p> <p>Teachers with technological education qualifications may be assigned to teach courses in the <i>Computer Studies, Grades 10-12</i> curriculum if the school board applies for, and is granted, a TLA for the teacher.</p>
<p>3. A school board currently has approval for a locally developed course that contains content that is similar to the new Green Industries subject. May the board continue to offer the locally developed version?</p>	<p>During the 2009-2010 school year, locally developed courses that contain content that is similar to the new Green Industries subjects may continue to be offered. Where the approval period of these locally developed courses expires in June 2009, the approval period will be extended for one year pending review of all the locally developed courses during the 2009-2010 school year.</p>
<p>4. May a school board apply for a TLA for a teacher with technological education qualifications without a degree to teach general studies courses?</p>	<p>Yes. A school board may apply for a TLA to assign a teacher with technological education qualifications, with or without a degree, to teach general studies courses.</p>

<p>5. Are teachers with technological education qualifications able to be assigned to teach cooperative education courses?</p>	<p>Yes. Cooperative education courses are unique in that they focus on content that relates to courses in both the general studies curriculum and the technological education curriculum.</p> <p>Teachers with either technological education qualifications or general studies qualifications who hold an additional qualification in cooperative education may be assigned to teach cooperative education courses related to any course in the Ontario curriculum, including locally developed courses.</p> <p>In addition, both teachers with general studies and teachers with technological education qualifications who do not hold an additional qualification in cooperative education may be assigned to teach cooperative education courses by mutual agreement of the teacher, the school principal and the appropriate supervisory officer, and with due regard for the safety and welfare of students and provision of the best possible program.</p> <p>Please note that the related curriculum course, if general studies, must be taught by a teacher with general studies qualifications and, if technological education, must be taught by a teacher with technological education qualifications; that is, unless the school board applies for, and is granted, a TLA for the teacher.</p>
<p>6. Are teachers with technological education qualifications able to be assigned to teach Special Education courses?</p>	<p>Teachers with technological education qualifications and teachers with general studies qualifications may obtain additional qualification(s) in Special Education in order to enhance their delivery of the curriculum in their classrooms.</p>

	Teachers with technological education qualifications may only be assigned to teach Special Education courses if the school board applies for, and is granted, a TLA for the teacher.
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Note: A major consideration must always be the safety and welfare of students and provision of the best possible program when assigning teachers by mutual agreement.