



Utah State Board of Education

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RE: FINE ARTS AND CTE COURSE ALIGNMENT UPDATE

In December of 2024, the following CTE courses were approved to grant Fine Arts credit toward graduation on a case-by-case basis, depending on student needs:

- Commercial Art 1/2/3
- Commercial Photo 1/2/3
- Digital Illustration, Digital Media 1/2/Advanced
- Digital Media Capstone
- Graphic Print Design 1/2/3

These courses have been approved to grant Fine Arts credit as they cover Utah's [Core State Standards for Fine Arts](#). For more resources on course codes and Educators Assignment requirements, see the following:

- [SY25 Active Core Codes for Fine Arts courses](#)
- [SY25 Educator Assignment Requirements](#)

For the CTE or potential Fine Arts courses not yet identified with a code or to align with the Fine Arts core standards, LEAs can contact CACTUS database steward Kristin Campbell at kristin.campbell@schools.utah.gov for CACTUS support, and K-12 Fine Arts Specialist Liz Bunker at liz.bunker@schools.utah.gov for more information on how to apply for a new code.

To Grant Fine Arts Credit, educators must have:

CTE educator requirements: to grant this credit, CTE educators must have a secondary license and one of the following CTE endorsements:

- [Multimedia](#)
- [Commercial Photography](#)

- [Commercial Art](#)
- [Production Graphics](#)

Fine Arts Educator requirements: All other Fine Arts credits approved for graduation require an educator to hold a secondary license and a Visual Arts endorsement.

For more information to obtain the CTE endorsement, contact:

- Broadcasting and Digital Media ([Multimedia CTE endorsement](#)): Kristina Yamada Kristina.yamada@schools.utah.gov
- Graphic Design and Communication ([Commercial Art CTE endorsement](#)), Commercial Photography ([Commercial Photography Endorsement Application](#)), Production Graphics ([Production Graphics Endorsement](#)) contact Saige Bowman saige.bowman@schools.utah.gov

For all Fine Arts endorsement questions, contact:

- K-12 Fine Arts Specialist Liz Bunker liz.bunker@schools.utah.gov