Certification for Cooperative Education Instructor

The prerequisite requirements for obtaining certification as a Cooperative Education Instructor at The Pennsylvania State University are as follow:

I. Non-Instructional Background* (earning an Instructional I certificate in co-op)
   A. Verify graduation from baccalaureate degree program
   B. Complete the following courses:
      - WF ED 001 3 cr.
      - WF ED 014 3 cr.
      - WF ED 105 3 cr.
      - WF ED 413 3 cr.
      - WF ED 441 2 cr.
      - ECON 014 3 cr.
      - WF ED 207W 3 cr.
      - WF ED 442 2 cr.
      - EDTHP 115 3 cr.
      - WF ED 323 3 cr.
      - WF ED 445 3 cr.
      - EDPSY 014 3 cr.
      - WF ED 595C 10 cr.
   C. Course substitutions must be approved by WF ED certification coordinator
   D. Verify 4,000 hours of wage earning work experience outside of education
   E. Complete PRAXIS examinations: PPST in reading, writing, and math; Principles of Learning and Teaching 7-12; Cooperative Education specialty test

II. Instructional Background* (co-op added to existing instructional certificate)
   A. Complete the following courses:
      - WF ED 001 Education for Work 3 cr., or WFED 546 Work-Based Education 3 cr., or WFED 560 Historical and Philosophical Foundations 3 cr.
      - WF ED 207W Assessment Techniques 3 cr., or WFED 573 Needs Assessment 3 cr., or an approved substitution
      - WF ED 445 Vocational Guidance 3 cr., or an approved substitution
      - WF ED 441 Conceptual and Legal Basis for Cooperative Education 2 cr.
      - WF ED 442 Operating Cooperative Education Programs 2 cr.
      - WF ED 495A Cooperative Education Practicum 2 cr.
   B. Course substitutions must be approved by WF ED certification coordinator
   C. Verify 4,000 hours of wage earning work experience outside of education
   D. Complete the PRAXIS II Cooperative Education specialty test

III. Vocational Instructional Background* (co-op added to existing vocational certificate)
   A. Complete the following courses
      - WF ED 445 Vocational Guidance 3 cr., or an approved substitution
      - WF ED 441 Conceptual and Legal Basis for Cooperative Education 2 cr.
      - WF ED 442 Operating Cooperative Education Programs 2 cr.
      - WF ED 495A Cooperative Education Practicum 2 cr.
   B. Course substitutions must be approved by WF ED certification coordinator
   C. Verify 4,000 hours of wage earning work experience outside of education
   D. Complete the PRAXIS II Cooperative Education specialty test

*Must fulfill the College of Education’s pre-certification Special Education requirement through completion of SPLED 400, or WFED 413, or an equivalent.

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