CSPG No. 67 Vocational Instructional Area Code 2100
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Certification Staffing Assignment
MILITARY SCIENCE PROGRAMS

The Military Science certificate qualifies the holder to direct and teach all subjects within a high school Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program approved by the U. S. Department of Defense and operated in a public school entity of the Commonwealth.

Grade Level:
A person holding a valid certificate for Military Science is qualified to teach in Junior Reserve Office Training Corps Programs operated in the public schools of the Commonwealth in grades 7-12.

Certification Assignment:
A person holding a valid PA certificate with the occupational competency endorsement for Military Science is qualified to teach Military Science.

A person holding a valid PA Vocational certificate with the occupational competency endorsement for Military Science is qualified to teach Military Science.

Special Considerations:
All high school certificated ROTC program staff are viewed as professional employees of the public school entity housing such a program. Staff are therefore subject to personnel policies and procedures of the public school entity.

An individual who is elected and assigned as a certified teacher within the ROTC program must either obtain a Vocational Instructional certificate endorsed for Military Science, or have an occupational competency added to another type of Pennsylvania certification (e.g. Instructional, Education Specialist, etc.).

1) To obtain a Vocational Level I certificate for this assignment in order to qualify for the Military Science occupational competency, the candidate must:

a. Submit a General Application Form (PDE 338G) to the Bureau of Teacher Certification and Preparation; and,

b. Include with the Application Form a letter of qualification issued by the appropriate military training and development authority for the specific military branch operating the ROTC program in the Pennsylvania school entity for which the certification is requested; and,

c. Pass the Computer-Based (CBT) Academic Skills Assessment Reading and Computer Based (CBT) Academic Skills Assessment Writing tests; or, pass the PPST Reading and PPST Writing tests.

2) To qualify for the Military Science occupational competency, a candidate must:

a. Submit a General Application Form (PDE 338G) to the Bureau of Teacher Certification and Preparation; and,

b. Submit a copy of his/her PA certificate;

c. Include with the Application Form a letter of qualification issued by the appropriate military training and development authority for the specific military branch operating the ROTC program in the Pennsylvania school entity for which the certification is requested.

Level II certification:

1. Military Science Vocational Level I certificate is valid for 6 teaching years. In order to be eligible for the Vocational Level II certificate, the individual must meet all of the following:
    - Complete 12 semester credit hours in pedagogy taken at a PA institution having PDE approval to offer teacher certification program of study;
    - Complete 3 years of satisfactory teaching experience in this area;
    - Be recommended by the school entity in which experience was met;
    - Have completed the local school's induction plan;
    - Pass the Vocational General Knowledge Praxis test and the PDE 430 assessment.

2. A Pennsylvania Level I certificate may be converted to Level II status by virtue of completing the Level II requirements.

Limitation on Certificate issuance:

The Military Science Vocational Instructional Certificate is issued directly by the Department of Education (as opposed to the Program Approval process), and can not be further extended by adding other areas or by registration of Occupational Competency areas for teaching vocational occupational technical courses in vocational education programs, unless the individual meets the following:

If the individual holding the Vocational Level I or II certificate with the occupational competency area endorsement of Military Science seeks to become certified as a vocational teacher in a separate specific occupational area other than Military Science, he or she must complete an approved Pennsylvania college or university vocational preparation program for that occupational area, and meet the regular vocational requirements including the occupational competency test. Therefore, the individual must contact the education department of a Pennsylvania college having program approval for offering vocational programs of study to discuss the additional requirements for obtaining and being recommended for other vocational areas.

Restrictions:

Support Staff – Personnel of the military services who serve as support staff to high school military science programs are viewed as paraprofessional staff (teacher aides) with service limited to their high school program.

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References:
State Guidelines for Certification.

22 PA Code:	Chapter 49	§49.11
		§49.18
		§49.141
		§49.142
		§49.143
PA Public School Code:		§1202
		§1212
		§1604
Other CSPGs for Reference:		Bachelor's or Master's Equivalency
		Level II certificates
		Paraprofessionals/Aides
		Vocational certification

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