

Tennessee Specific Industry Certification (TSIC) – Horticulture Science

Aligned Program of Study: Horticulture Science

Description

The Tennessee Specific Industry Certification (TSIC) for Horticulture Science is a capstone certification created by industry partners, secondary career and technical education (CTE) teachers, and postsecondary faculty. This certification is designed to be a culminating examination of student mastery within the horticulture science program of study. Students who sit for a TSIC exam, and meet the established passing score, earn an industry certification as well as three hours of transferable credit at public postsecondary institutions. Schools offering all the courses outlined in the horticulture science program of study are eligible to provide the TSIC exam by completing an annual memorandum of understating. The student will sit for the exam after the fourth course within the program of study.

Certification Information

Test Owner

Tennessee Department of Education

Testing Sites/Centers

The certification exams are delivered in a proctored environment arranged by the local high school. The local designated TSIC testing coordinator will provide additional information.

Registration Procedures

Registration details are provided to the schools during the spring semester outlining eligibility requirements for participating in the pilot program during the next school year. Fall and spring testing information are provided to the TSIC testing coordinator for each approved school. Contact TSIC.Exams@tn.gov for additional information.

Preparing to offer the certification

Required Instructor Qualification

First-year TSIC participation -two-day training; second and third-year TSIC participation – one-day training; fourth or more years of TSIC participation – as significant adjustments are made to the TSIC exam.

Exam Details

The certification exam consists of a 100 multiple choice question exam with a two-hour time limit. Students that earn or exceed the cut score of 70 points on the first attempt both postsecondary credit and industry certification from the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation. There are no testing fees for the student or school system.

Materials and Resources

Materials and resources are available at <https://www.tn.gov/education/career-and-technical-education/tennessee-specific-industry-certification--tsic--resources.html>

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