

## SCTERA 12.16.20 Webinar FAQs

### General SCTERA

- Question: Do courses pre-populate in the system from year-to-year?
  - Answer: Not at this time.
- Question: What about classes that are repeated each semester? Will they have a different SCED code? Will this affect the amount of units for a program?
  - Answer: If multiple sections of the same COURSE are offered, these should have the same SCED code.
    - [Framework of SCED for Secondary Level Courses](#)
    - [SRI Course Coding \(p. 103-110\)](#)
- Question: Should I choose one course over another to include in a career cluster?
  - Answer: No, you should include every course taught in a program area in the pathway they belong to.
- Question: What if a course does not have enough other courses to create a program?
  - Answer: If the program is at 2 units, but not equal to 3 units, reach out to a Department of Education consultant for more information.
  - Answer: If the program is less than 2 units, the courses do not need to be tied to a program pathway. These will be reviewed by an Education Program Consultant.
- Question: Can a course be used as part of multiple programs?
  - Answer: A course can be shared only once between service areas (up to 1.0 shared unit per program pathway) but unlimited within one service area.

### Supplementary Weighting

- Question: How do I know if a class is eligible for supplementary weighting?
  - Answer: Concurrent enrollment courses within the CTE program may be eligible for supplemental weighting. Most concurrent enrollment courses qualify for supplementary weighted funds; however, internship courses with no lecture; clinic courses with no lecture and individualized instruction, independently-designed courses will not qualify for supplementary weighted funding. This list is not inclusive of all courses and questions regarding courses should be directed to the **Senior Year Plus Consultant**. You can find additional information regarding supplementary weighted funding on the [Department's website](#).
- Question: If I choose a concurrent enrollment course as part of the three units I need for Offer and Teach, does that mean it cannot be counted for supplementary weighting?
  - Answer: If used to meet the 3.0 units of Offer and Teach, a course cannot be counted for supplemental weighting. **Note:** An exception may be made

**IF the school districts (K-12) BEDS enrollment is fewer than 600 students.** These school districts are eligible to select **ONE** CTE program for the offer and teach **AND** be eligible to claim supplemental weighting for any contracted course if the Community College courses in the CTE program exceeds five (N>5) enrolled students (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/257.11.pdf>). SCTERA is programmed so that only school districts with 600 or fewer students will be able to see this function/feature on their program screen.

- **Please note:** If the district is utilizing contracted courses above and beyond the 3.0 units in a specific program, there is no enrollment threshold required to be eligible for supplementary weighted funding for these contracted concurrent enrollment courses (i.e., enrollment could be less than 5 students).
- Question: How do I make a decision to include a course for my 3 units? I want to receive as much supplementary weighting for my courses as I can.
  - Answer: Select the district courses first, followed by any courses shared between districts and, if necessary, choose concurrent enrollment courses with the lowest enrollment.
- Question: Can high school classes that are not concurrent enrollment courses receive supplementary weighting?
  - Answer: Only concurrent enrollment courses can be used for supplemental weighting. Secondary (HS only) courses are not eligible for supplementary weighted funds.

Question: If a shared course is used across all (6) service areas will it qualify for supplementary weighted funding?

Answer: 1.0 unit (or two 0.5 unit courses) could be shared across all (6) service areas. If the shared course is a contracted concurrent enrollment course and is used to meet a unit requirement for offer and teach in any of the 4 selected service areas (i.e., selected as one of your 3.0 units that you use to meet your chapter 12 requirements) then the shared course would not be eligible for supplementary weighted funding in any service area program (i.e., those programs not used to meet offer and teach). However, if the shared contracted concurrent enrollment course is not used to meet state accreditation minimums, the course may be eligible for supplementary weighted funding.

- Question: If I am using a service area to meet one of our offer and teach requirements but we offer multiple programs within that given service area, which courses will qualify for supplementary weighted funding?

- Answer: If your district has multiple programs within one service area your district only selects one of the programs to meet offer and teach. Any of the concurrent enrollment courses above and beyond the 3.0 units in that program selected and all of the concurrent enrollment courses in the other programs in the same service area may be eligible for supplementary weighted funding.

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