

- Non-profit organizations
- Secondary schools that offer vocational education

NOTE: Effective October 1, 2008, attendance in all 2-year or 4-year College programs must be counted under vocational educational training for a maximum of 12 months lifetime under the VT component. Previously counted months of vocational training for individuals must be considered towards the 12 months allowable.

NOTE: Minor parents attending high school in a vocational educational track should be counted as participating under “satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course of study leading to a certificate of general equivalence” to avoid triggering the lifetime 12-month limit on the use of Vocational Educational Training.

Types of vocational educational programs that would be allowed are listed under “Desk Guides and Participation Hours Charts” on the DFA Intranet website. Questions regarding types of training allowable under Vocational Educational Training are to be directed to the DFA Family Support Policy Unit.

1. Placement Criteria

An individual, who has demonstrated the ability to do the course work and who meets the entrance requirements, may participate in Vocational Educational Training when:

- His goal is an occupation that requires completion of a vocational course prior to employment; or
- He has no job skills, or has only obsolete or non-marketable skills and must be retrained to find employment; or
- He does not have a high school diploma/**or equivalent**, and the skill training has been identified as an alternative which can lead to employment.

2. Standards

The training institution and instructor must meet licensing and certification standards of the appropriate governing agency. Unlicensed or uncertified instructors are not approved for training when licensing or certification standards exist.

A participant’s evaluation for an appropriate skill training situation must include appropriate testing when the individual does not have a high school diploma or **equivalent**.