

WHAT IS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION?



CTE is delivered at comprehensive and CTE-dedicated high schools, magnet schools, area technical centers, community and technical colleges and some four-year universities.

CTE students earn industry certifications and licenses, postsecondary certificates, associate degrees, bachelor's degrees and higher.



92% of high school students and **69%** of college and adult students are engaged in CTE, learning skills in the classroom and on the job.¹

CTE is good for students, good for businesses and good for communities.



CTE high school students are college and career ready – **96%** graduate high school and most enroll directly in college.²

Associate degrees in CTE fields can pay **up to \$2.8 million** in lifetime earnings - and pay more than bachelor's degrees in other fields - while limiting student debt.³



CTE is the answer to the nation's projected deficit of **6.5 million** skilled workers, including infrastructure, health care and manufacturing workforce shortages.⁴



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¹ U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), High School Longitudinal Study of 2009 (HLS:09), Base-year, 2013 Update, and High School Transcript File; U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2015-16 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:16).

² Perkins Collaborative Resource Network, Perkins Data Explorer, customized Consolidated Annual Report data; U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Consolidated State Performance Report, 2010-11 through 2017-18; U.S. Department of Education, NCES, HLS:09, Base-year, 2013 Update, High School Transcript, and Second Follow-Up.

³ Carnevale, A. P., Cheah, B., & Wenzinger, E. (2021). *The college payoff: More education doesn't always mean more earnings*. Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce; College Board, Annual Survey of Colleges; NCES, IPEDS Fall 2021 Enrollment data and IPEDS 2022 Institutional Characteristics data.

⁴ Construction Industry Resources as cited in Ngo, M. (2021). *Skilled workers are scarce, posing a challenge for Biden's infrastructure plan*. New York Times; Korn Ferry. (2018). *Future of work: The global talent crunch*; Strack, R., Carrasco, M., Kolo, P., Nouri, N., Priddis, M., & George, R. (2021). *The future of jobs in the era of AI*; Wellener, P., Reyes, V., Ashton, H., & Moutray, C. (2021). *Creating pathways for tomorrow's workforce today*.

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Architecture & Construction



Arts, A/V Technology & Communications

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Government & Public Administration

Health Science



Hospitality & Tourism

Human Services



Information Technology

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security



Manufacturing

Marketing



Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

