

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month



CTE raises the awareness about the importance of career and technical education.

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CTE WORKS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Career and technical education (CTE) engages students and prepares them with the skills they need for fulfilling careers in vital, in-demand industries and occupations.

CTE is associated with higher levels of student engagement¹ and academic achievement.² In fact, the average high school graduation rate for CTE concentrators—students who take multiple courses in one CTE program area—is 97%,³ much higher than the national rate.⁴

CTE students are more likely to attend two-year colleges and just as likely to attend four-year colleges as their peers.⁵

CTE WORKS FOR THE NATION

High school CTE concentrators are more likely than non-concentrators to be employed full time and have higher median annual earnings 8 years after graduation.⁶

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

The United States is facing a projected deficit of 6 million skilled workers by 2032.¹¹ CTE can prepare students to enter key industries facing talent shortages, including:

- Health care
- Construction
- Utilities
- Durable manufacturing

93% of U.S. employers recruiting from CTE programs find those programs beneficial to their bottom line.¹²

CTE WORKS FOR POSTSECONDARY AND ADULT STUDENTS

Internships, technical colleges and CTE courses are among the best options for learners to gain skills for career success, according to hiring managers.⁷

An increasing number of postings ask job seekers for short-term credentials: about 1/3 of postings in 2022.⁸

Undergraduate certificates and associate and bachelor's degrees in CTE fields like health care, business, skilled trades and STEM lead to higher earnings for early and mid-career workers.^{9,10}

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