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.

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

CTE high school students are college and career ready – 94% graduate high school and most enroll directly in college.¹

CTE associate degrees can pay $10,000 more per year than associate degrees in other fields – and can even pay more than bachelor’s degrees – while limiting student debt.²

CTE is the answer to the the nation’s projected deficit of 6.5 million skilled workers, including infrastructure, health care and manufacturing workforce shortages.³

LEARN MORE ABOUT CTE AT ACTEONLINE.ORG


³ Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce. (2020). The overlooked value of certificates and associate’s degrees: What students need to know before they go to college; Schneider, M. (2013). Higher education pays; College Board, Annual Survey of Colleges; NCES, IPEDS Fall 2020 Enrollment data and IPEDS 2020 Institutional Characteristics data.
