

About ACTE



Vision

Empowering educators to deliver high quality CTE programs that ensure all students are positioned for career success



Mission

Provide educational leadership in developing a competitive workforce

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Largest national education association of professionals dedicated to the advancement of CTE

- Achieving policy victories and increasing legislative activity around CTE
- Representing excellence and leadership in CTE for 90+ years
- Delivering robust professional development
- Growing a partnership network that provides added member value
- Nurturing a culture of recognition for excellence and inclusion of members in setting organizational direction





Integrates with academics in a rigorous and relevant curriculum.



Features high school and postsecondary partnerships, enabling clear pathways to certifications and degrees.



Prepares students to be college- and career-ready by providing core academic skills, employability skills and technical, job-specific skills.



Educates students for a range of career options through 16 Career Clusters[®] and 79+ pathways.

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 Connecting Education and Careers

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What is CTE?

- Includes 92% of high school students taking part in CTE and 38% concentrating in a CTE program¹, as well as 8.4 million individuals seeking postsecondary certificates and associate degrees in CTE fields²
- Is delivered flexibly through high schools, area career centers, career academies, community and technical colleges, four-year universities and more
- Offers clear pathways to industry certifications, postsecondary certificates and degrees
- Partners with businesses to prepare students for tomorrow's workforce
- Fulfills employer needs in high-skill, high-wage, in-demand areas
- Prepares students to be college- and career-ready by providing core academic skills, employability skills and technical, job-specific skills

Key Stats

- Students can attend public community and technical colleges for a fraction of the cost of tuition at other institutions: \$3,730, on average, in 2019-2020.
- For workers with associate degrees, the percentage of “good jobs” — jobs that pay a median annual income of \$55,000 or higher without a bachelor’s degree—grew by 83% between 1991 and 2016.
- Individuals with associate degrees in CTE fields of study can earn \$10,000 more per year than those with associate degrees in other fields.
- The nation’s five fastest-growing occupations require education below a bachelor’s degree, as do half of all STEM jobs.

Federal Support for CTE

- CTE has long enjoyed bi-partisan support in Congress
- The federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act provides approximately \$1.3 billion in funding for CTE each year
- Perkins funds have slowly increased in recent years; COVID-19 pandemic threatens to derail progress

CTE Advocacy

- With resources scarce, it is important to advocate for CTE at the local, state and federal levels
- Make sure policymakers understand the role CTE can play in economic recovery, and the benefits to students and communities
- Visit www.acteonline.org for more resources!