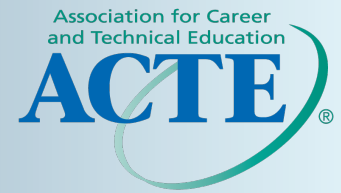


# NEW MEXICO

## CTE Fact Sheet 2017



### Career and Technical Education in New Mexico

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools, state- and district-authorized charter schools, Early College high schools and structured workforce readiness programs that provide CTE programs to students.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through both the state's community colleges and four-year institutions that offer associate degrees. Each system offers face-to-face, online and distance learning opportunities.
- Learn more at [NMACTE.com](http://NMACTE.com).

In school year 2014-2015, New Mexico served **59,891** CTE high school students and **60,310** CTE postsecondary students.

In Fiscal Year 2015, New Mexico received **\$8,080,607** in Perkins funding—about \$52,000 more than in 2014 and almost \$1.2 million less than in 2010.

### Exemplary CTE Programs in New Mexico

- The [Carlsbad High School](#) culinary arts program has long produced successful students in hospitality for New Mexico. This year, 350 Carlsbad culinary students earned their ServSafe Food Handlers Certification after a 3-day training. A Workforce Readiness Grant from the Public Education Department covered the cost of the certifications. According to Kevin Zink, a culinary arts instructor at Carlsbad High School, New Mexico will begin requiring the ServSafe certifications for employees who handle food starting in 2017. Carol McAlister, district coordinator of college and career readiness, told the *Current-Argus* that "we are excited at the economic advantage that this will also provide our community, with the large influx of qualified students who will be able to hit the market, ready and certified to work." (*Information from the [Current-Argus](#)*)
- Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry is encouraging businesses and students to take part in [Running Start for Careers](#), which enables juniors and seniors to earn high school and college credit simultaneously while investigating career pathways. In 2016, the program offered nine courses from Central New Mexico (CNM) Community College in six fields of study: film, construction, health care, financial services, medical lab sciences, and hotel and tourism. The courses are taught by industry professionals, and students also go on site visits. CNM President Kathie Winograd told the *Albuquerque Journal* that 98 percent of Running Start students graduate from high school and 96 percent attend college. (*Information from the [Albuquerque Journal](#)*)

In school year 2014-2015:

- **89** percent of New Mexico CTE high school students graduated
- **94** percent met performance goals for technical skills
- **98** percent of New Mexico CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills