Career and Technical Education in New Hampshire

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through regional career and technical education centers across the state. These centers offer more than 50 programs in the 16 career clusters, providing multiple career pathways. All programs are expected to yield at least three dual enrollment credits, with some high school programs offering as many as 12 college credits, providing a seamless transition into the community college system.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through the seven colleges in the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH), which offer a variety of CTE programs, and the University of New Hampshire’s Thompson School of Applied Science (TSAS), which offers CTE programs in a consortium with the state’s community colleges.
- Learn more at www.actonline.org/NewHampshire.

Exemplary CTE Programs in New Hampshire

- Around 200 students annually are benefitting from the CTE programs at Portsmouth High School. Among the programs offered is Entrepreneurship, which provides opportunities for students to compete in the University of New Hampshire BizGen competition as well as a school business plan competition, supported by the Seacoast Rotary Club. In the popular program Education and Teacher Training, many students are active in career and technical student organizations—intracurricular elements of CTE programs that develop students’ skills and leadership abilities. In addition, Culinary Arts students have competed successfully in state and national competitions. CTE Director Diane Canada is pursuing new programs such as Computer Science, in partnership with Great Bay Community College, and a Licensed Nursing Assistant course, in partnership with a local nursing home. (Information from NH ACTE)
- Holy Rosary Credit Union in Rochester has opened a branch within the Richard W. Creteau Tech Center at Spaulding High School to provide juniors and seniors with a unique opportunity. The Banking and Financial Support Services program measures student progress on NH Department of Education Competencies, including understanding “concepts, process, principles, systems and strategies of banking services and functions in order to process customer transactions and provide other customer services as requested.” In addition to how to process transactions, students develop their business communication skills as well as their ability to cross-promote products. “They also must design a business presentation and do some additional research, such as comparing fees at other institutions while learning Microsoft Office products like Excel and PowerPoint,” said Branch Manager and certified teacher Leah Esslinger-Sprowl. (Information from NH ACTE)

In school year 2014-2015:
- 97 percent of New Hampshire CTE high school students graduated
- 74 percent met performance goals for reading/language arts skills
- 83 percent of New Hampshire CTE postsecondary students earned a credential, certificate or degree

Data from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education