Career and Technical Education in Florida

- At the secondary level, CTE programs are offered through comprehensive high schools, many of which include career academies, which are small, personalized learning communities within a high school that provide students with exposure to a career field; technical colleges/centers, which are CTE schools that serve an entire school district and provide high school students and adult learners with supplementary career training; and University Developmental Research Schools.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is offered through Florida’s technical colleges/centers, which prepare students for industry certification and licensure, award career certificates and articulated college credit, and support a majority of Florida’s registered apprentices; community colleges; and public and private state universities and colleges.
- Learn more at www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu and FACTE.org.

Exemplary CTE Programs in Florida

- Miami Dade College’s Health Information Technology program prepares individuals to accurately translate and record complex patient data into multiple electronic formats. The 2016 program graduation rate was 91 percent, with all students passing the Registered Health Information Management Technician exam the first time. The program also has a high success rate in placing students into internships that lead to full-time employment. Approximately 87 percent of 2014 graduates had a related job within six months of graduation, at a median starting salary of almost $33,000. The Siemens Technical Scholars Program, a collaboration of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program and the Siemens Foundation, has identified Miami Dade’s Health IT program as an exemplary program in preparing individuals for technical STEM jobs. (Information from “CTE: The Key to Economic Development in Information Technology”)

In school year 2016-2017:
- 96.5 percent of Florida CTE high school students graduated
- 85 percent met performance goals for technical skills, 84 percent for mathematics skills and 82 percent for reading/language arts skills
- 89 percent of Florida CTE postsecondary students went on to the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship
- 70 percent of Florida CTE adult students earned a credential, certificate or degree

In Fiscal Year 2019, Florida received an estimated $72,724,046 in federal Perkins funding—$4 million more than in 2018.

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