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, which offer a variety of CTE programs, and the University of New Hampshire’s Thompson School of Applied Science, which offers CTE programs in a consortium with the state’s community colleges.

Statewide CTE Initiatives in New Hampshire

- The Sector Partnerships Initiative (SPI) is an industry-driven statewide initiative that addresses the talent pipeline in targeted industries—manufacturing, hospitality, health care and information technology. This public/private collaboration brings together businesses within each targeted sector to identify common workforce challenges and provide training and other services to help recruit, retain and upskill qualified employees. (Information from the Office of Workforce Opportunity)
- The Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) has launched “65 by 25” in collaboration with industry and education partners to help ensure that 65 percent of adults 25 and older in New Hampshire have some form of postsecondary education by 2025. Objectives include expanding early college and dual enrollment, a focus on STEM education and ongoing engagement with employers. (Information from CCSNH)

Local CTE Programs in New Hampshire

- At Portsmouth High School, the Entrepreneurship program provides opportunities for students to compete in the University of New Hampshire BizGen competition and a school business plan competition, which is supported by Seacoast Rotary Club. In the Education and Teacher Training program, many students are active in career and technical student organizations, which are 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. (Information from NH ACTE)

In school year 2016-2017:
- 97 percent of New Hampshire CTE high school students graduated
- 85 percent of New Hampshire CTE postsecondary students earned a credential, certificate or degree
- 94 percent met performance goals for technical skills

In Fiscal Year 2019, New Hampshire received an estimated $6,148,797 in federal Perkins funding—almost $350,000 more than in 2018.

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