Career and Technical Education in Nebraska

• At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools.
• At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through the community college system, which has campuses located throughout the state.
• Learn more at https://www.education.ne.gov/nce and ACTENebraska.org.

In school year 2017-2018, Nebraska served 98,606 CTE high school students and 34,097 CTE postsecondary students.

Exemplary CTE Programs in Nebraska

• The Sutton High School Career and Technical Department is building a collaborative relationship with the business community to provide students with real-world experiences. Sutton is currently offering 18 programs of study to its students, aligned with the Nebraska Career Education model, standards and programs of study, and incorporating hands-on work opportunities resulting from strong partnerships between the business community and school. Students job shadow for up to 20 hours in the first semester of senior year, building relationships with business owners and identifying their career interests. In second semester, students participate in 6- to 7-week internships for up to three hours per day. They are treated as employees and part of the business team. In addition to 68 businesses that are willing to host job shadow and/or internship experiences, business leaders conduct job interviews for students in Career Prep, host business tours, participate as guest speakers for classes and serve on a Career and Technical Advisory Committee. In addition, Sutton has been awarded reVISION monies to enhance learning experiences in the agricultural education and skills and technical sciences areas, which are areas of demand in the Sutton community. (Information from ACTEN)

• Metropolitan Community College (MCC) invested in and opened a 100,000-square-foot Construction Education Center at the Fort Omaha Campus to serve the Omaha metropolitan area. Construction job opportunities are growing in Omaha, particularly in areas such as residential remodeling and commercial construction. The Center replicates an authentic job site, where all the construction-related trades work together, including construction technology, civil engineering, architectural technology, plumbing technology, electrical technology, HVACR technology and welding. This provides a state-of-the-art, rich educational opportunity using the latest technology. The Construction Education Center has expanded its academic programs to serve junior/senior high school students; traditional degree-seeking students; and professional, nontraditional students. There are programs for the beginning student seeking entry-level employment, while advanced skills training opportunities for professionals already in the field are also provided. Customized training for industry partners needing to advance their workforce can also be arranged. Serving just over 800 students, MCC is becoming a leader in developing the future of construction trade professionals. (Information from ACTEN)

In Fiscal Year 2019, Nebraska received an estimated $7,203,126 in federal Perkins funding—the first increase since 2010, before Tech Prep was defunded, when the state received $7.5 million.

In school year 2017-2018:
• 99.31 percent of Nebraska CTE high school students graduated
• 90.20 percent met performance goals for technical skills
• 97.90 percent went on to postsecondary education, the workforce or the military

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