Career and Technical Education in South Carolina

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools; career and technology centers that provide supplemental CTE programs to students within most of the larger school districts; two state correctional agencies, one for juveniles and one for adults, operating as special school districts and providing secondary CTE programs; and independent, multidistrict career centers that provide CTE programs to students from districts that do not have their own career centers.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through the state's technical colleges.

Exemplary CTE Programs in South Carolina

- At the Anderson 1 and 2 Career and Technology Center in Williamston, students gain academic knowledge and technical skills in automotive technology, a critical industry in the community. Strong and sustained partnerships between education and industry leaders prepare learners in this rural community to succeed in their future careers. Through an articulated agreement with Tri-County Technical College, beginning their sophomore year, learners can earn up to 15 college credits as well as 10 industry-recognized certifications, creating a seamless transition to postsecondary education and careers. The center was awarded the 2018 Excellence in Action award from Advance CTE for exemplary implementation of Career Clusters® as well as work-based learning opportunities and substantial, evidence-based student achievement. (Information from Advance CTE and Anderson 1 and 2 Career and Technology Center)

In Fiscal Year 2018, South Carolina served 189,468 CTE high school students and 36,588 CTE postsecondary students.

In Fiscal Year 2019, South Carolina received an estimated $21.4 million in federal Perkins funding—$1.18 million more than in 2018.

In Fiscal Year 2018:

- 98.34 percent of South Carolina CTE high school students graduated
- 93.06 percent met performance goals for technical skills
- 89.95 percent met performance goals for mathematics and 79.82 percent for reading/language arts
- 92.60 percent of South Carolina CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills
- 87.18 percent went on to the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship

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