

Career and Technical Education in Wisconsin

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools; career academies, which are schools-within-schools that provide smaller, cohesive personalized learning environments that integrate curriculum and instructional activities around specific career areas; and CTE-specific high schools, which fully integrate core academic subjects with career-specific instruction.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through the state's technical college system where they are transforming the traditional concept of higher education through the use of Career Pathways. Partners in this work include the tribally controlled community colleges as well as the University of Wisconsin–Stout, through preparing CTE educators and providing continuing professional development.
- Learn more at <https://dpi.wi.gov/cte> and WACTEonline.org.

In school year 2016-2017, Wisconsin served **88,086** CTE high school students and **121,330** CTE postsecondary students.

In Fiscal Year 2019, Wisconsin received an estimated **\$22,369,343** in federal Perkins funding—about \$1.2 million more than in 2018 and down from \$23.5 million in 2010, before Tech Prep was defunded.

Exemplary CTE Programs in Wisconsin

- [**Blackhawk Technical College's Fire Protection Technician program**](#) develops highly skilled specialists who have technical knowledge as well as management and communication skills for interacting with the public. Courses address topics from fire fighting and fire protection to hazardous materials, emergency medical technician skills and fire investigating. The college has launched an internship program with the Town of Beloit Fire Department, with plans to expand to other departments. Interns assist in fire and medical emergencies and participate in equipment maintenance, public relations and fire prevention. The college recently acquired a Mobile Live Fire Training Unit to more effectively and safely train new firefighters.
(Information from Blackhawk Technical College and NBC15.com)

In school year 2016-2017:

- **97** percent of Wisconsin CTE high school students graduated
- **90** percent met performance goals for technical skills
- **75** percent of Wisconsin CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills
- **92** percent went on to the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship