

Career and Technical Education (CTE) 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.

In 2018-2019, **447,408** individuals were enrolled in the Secondary Job Preparatory Program, **2,058** in Registered Career and Professional Academies and **16,327** in Registered Career-themed Courses. More than **505,800** students were enrolled in at least one Career-themed Course or Registered Academy.

In Fiscal Year 2020, Florida received an estimated **\$73,997,159** in federal Perkins funding—about \$1,230,355 more than in Fiscal Year 2019.

CTE Highlights in Florida

- In order for students to expand postsecondary education opportunities, the Florida College System institutions and state universities have agreed to establish “2+2” targeted pathway programs. These pathway programs allow students who have earned their associate degrees at a state or community college to transfer to state universities to complete the last two years of their four-year degrees.
- Florida has invested significant time and resources in providing CTE students with industry certifications. During the 2018-2019 school year, 130,445 certifications were awarded to Florida high school students. In addition to providing enhanced employment outcomes, the certifications also provide high school students a leg up on postsecondary education through statewide articulation agreements that provide specific college credit toward certificates and associate degrees.

Student Performance (2018)

- **97%** of secondary CTE concentrators graduated.
- Students earned **130,445** industry certifications and **61,873** Digital Tool Certificates.
- **82%** of secondary CTE concentrators went on to postsecondary education, the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship.
- **90%** of postsecondary CTE concentrators went on to the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship.

Labor Market Trends

- **55%** of Florida's labor market consists of middle-skill jobs, but only **46%** of the state's workers are trained at the middle-skill level.
- The **top 5** industries for “good jobs” that pay a median income of \$55,000+ **without a bachelor's degree** are management, office and administrative support, sales, healthcare practitioners/technical occupations, and installation/maintenance/repair.