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.

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.

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.

Data from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (Perkins IV) and the Florida Department of Education

Data from National Skills Coalition Middle-Skill Job Fact Sheets and the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce’s Good Jobs Project