Career and Technical Education (CTE) in New Mexico

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools, state- and district-authorized charter schools, Early College high schools and structured workforce readiness programs that provide CTE programs to students.
- At the postsecondary level, CTE is delivered through both the state's community colleges and four-year institutions that offer associate degrees. Each system offers face-to-face, online and distance learning opportunities.
- Learn more at [http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/CCR_perkins.html](http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/CCR_perkins.html) and [NMACTE.com](http://NMACTE.com).

In school year 2017-2018, 62,066 high school students and 59,225 postsecondary students participated in CTE in New Mexico.

In Fiscal Year 2020, New Mexico received an estimated $9,352,796 in federal Perkins funding—about $146,627 more than in Fiscal Year 2019.

CTE Highlights in New Mexico

- According to the *Hobbs News*, a new school in Hobbs will offer programs in a range of disciplines including construction, hospitality, STEM, oil and gas, information technology, manufacturing and transportation. A dual-credit program in partnership with New Mexico Junior College will allow students to earn college credits and certifications while still in high school. The CTE school will have a capacity of 600-700 students and is expected to partner with local employers to ensure its training programs are developing and teaching the skills necessary for jobs in the Permian Basin. The construction of the new high school could begin in the spring of 2020, with the school opening planned for August 2022.
- Experts joined a discussion panel at the 2019 New Mexico Association for Career and Technical Education (NMACTE) conference. Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions Bill McCamley; Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Higher Education Department Kate O’Neill; and Deputy Secretary for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment for the New Mexico Public Education Department Gwen Perea Warniment spoke about needs and future goals. According to the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, individuals are needed for fields in many areas, but especially health care. “We need to change the conversations that we have been having for the past 50 years now. We need trained workers at all skill levels,” O’Neill said, as quoted in the *Ruidoso News*.
- 540 CTE students from around the state converged at Central New Mexico Community College for the 2019 SkillsUSA Leadership & Skills Conference. More than 200 industry representatives served as judges and stayed on the lookout for future employees. The event was profiled by the *Albuquerque Journal*.

Student Performance (2018)

- **93%** of secondary CTE concentrators graduated.
- **93%** of secondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills.
- **98%** of postsecondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills.

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

Labor Market Trends

- **51%** of New Mexico’s labor market consists of middle-skill jobs, but only **47%** 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, construction and extraction, office and administrative support, installation/maintenance/repair, and sales.

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