Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Oklahoma

- At the secondary level, career and technology education is delivered through K-12 comprehensive schools, grades 6 through 12; 29 technology center districts with 58 campuses, which provide education and training to high-school-enrolled/age youth; and skills centers, which prepare juvenile offenders for success in the workplace and community.
- At the postsecondary level, career and technology education is delivered through the 29 technology center districts, which also provide education and training to postsecondary adults, and skills centers, which prepare adult offenders for success in the workplace and community.
- Learn more at www.okcareertech.org and OkACTE.org.

In school year 2017-2018, 40,758 high school students and 35,960 postsecondary students participated in CTE in Oklahoma.

In Fiscal Year 2020, Oklahoma received an estimated $16,290,896 in federal Perkins funding—about $294,521 more than in Fiscal Year 2019.

CTE Highlights in Oklahoma

- In 2019, the state launched Kuder Galaxy®, a career awareness system for students in grades preK-5 to find pathways in both traditional and nontraditional careers. Students can play interactive games, take part in online activities and watch videos that help uncover possible interests and excite students for the future.
- Quad/Graphics, a large-scale printer with a plant in Oklahoma City, launched their Oklahoma apprenticeship program in 2014. The company’s Registered Apprenticeship programs are part of what helps this nearly $5 billion international business succeed and better the lives of the people that work there. On-the-job learning takes place at the plant under the direction of experienced journey workers. Electrical apprentices attend Moore Norman Technology Center for the in-classroom component, and mechanical apprentices attend Mid-Del Technology Center for their classroom education. The company has been profiled as an Oklahoma Works success story.

Student Performance (2018)

- 96% of secondary CTE concentrators graduated.
- 91% of secondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills.
- 94% of secondary CTE concentrators went on to postsecondary education, the workforce, the military or an apprenticeship.
- 91% 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

- 55% of Oklahoma’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 annual income of $55,000+ without a bachelor’s degree are management, production, office and administrative support, construction and extraction, and installation/maintenance/repair.

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