The District of Columbia’s economy is experiencing a skills gap...

27% of jobs in the District require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

21% of District workers are trained at this level.

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in the District’s key industries, like:

- real estate and construction
- health care and life sciences
- technology
- professional services

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in the District of Columbia, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2018-19 school year, the District had:

3,251 secondary CTE participants

1,104 postsecondary CTE participants

These youth and adult learners in CTE programs are more engaged, graduate high school at higher rates, earn industry-recognized credentials, and have rewarding and family-sustaining careers.

1,369 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Washington, DC (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across the District of Columbia to ensure that all learners, including historically underserved learners, have access to high-quality CTE programs in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand career fields.

CTE: Good for Students, Good for Business, Good for Communities!

DC Career Conversations is a web-based tool where industry professionals, CTE students and teachers connect by live video.

CTE in Washington, DC

FY 20 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Washington, DC

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For more information visit www.acteonline.org, dcps.dc.gov/CTE and www.acteonline.org/DC.

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