

CTE in North Carolina



The North Carolina economy is experiencing a skills gap...

54% of jobs in North Carolina require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

44% of North Carolina workers are trained at this level.

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in North Carolina's key industries, like:

- automotive, truck and heavy machinery
- energy
- food processing and manufacturing
- furniture



North Carolina CTE students earned 241,338 industry credentials in 2019-20.

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

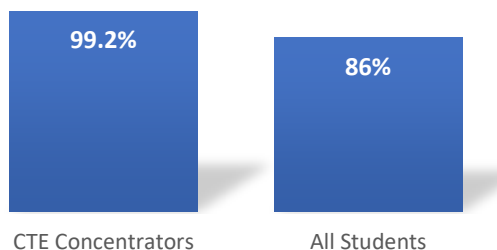
925,289

secondary CTE participants

84,813

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.



Four-year cohort graduation rate in North Carolina (2017-18)

48,521

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in North Carolina (2016-17)



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across North Carolina 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!

FY 20 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for North Carolina

\$43,398,349