

CTE in Oklahoma



The Oklahoma economy is experiencing a skills gap...

55% of jobs in Oklahoma require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

47% of Oklahoma workers are trained at this level.



Oklahoma CareerTech students earned 14,885 industry-endorsed certificates in 2020.

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

- agribusiness
- manufacturing
- renewable and traditional energy
- transportation and logistics

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Oklahoma, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2019-20 school year, Oklahoma had:

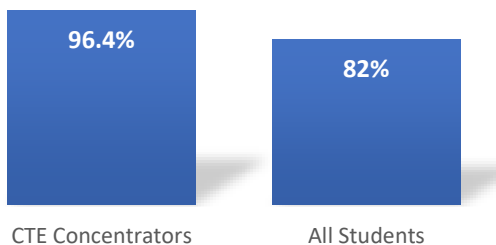
147,913

secondary CTE participants

34,879

postsecondary/adult 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 Oklahoma (2017-18)

20,638

postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Oklahoma (2019-20)



More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Oklahoma 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 21 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Oklahoma

\$16,997,016