The Nebraska economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

46% of Nebraska workers are trained at this level.

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

• manufacturing
• agriculture and agribusiness
• transportation
• technology

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Nebraska, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2020-21 school year, Nebraska had:

114,285 secondary CTE participants
29,669 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.

6,660 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Nebraska (2020-21)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Nebraska 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!

Nebraska high school CTE concentrators are 10% more likely to enroll in postsecondary education within two years of graduation.

For more information visit www.acteonline.org, www.education.ne.gov/nce and ACTENebraska.org.
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