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

57% of jobs in South Carolina require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

42% of South Carolina workers are trained at this level.

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

• advanced manufacturing and materials
• agribusiness
• electric vehicles
• distribution and logistics

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in South Carolina, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2021-22 school year, South Carolina had:

223,103 secondary CTE participants
44,731 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.

16,363 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in South Carolina (2021-22)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across South 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!

In 2022, 66% of South Carolina high school CTE concentrators graduated with a recognized postsecondary credential.