The Wisconsin economy is experiencing a skills gap...

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

48% of Wisconsin workers are trained at this level.

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

- aerospace manufacturing
- biohealth
- energy, power and controls
- water technology

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

157,339 secondary CTE participants

135,498 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.

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Wisconsin 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, 96% of Wisconsin high school CTE concentrators pursued postsecondary education, entered the workforce, or joined the military or Peace Corps immediately after graduation.

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