

CTE in North Carolina



Career and technical education (CTE) programs equip students with the skills and experience necessary to pursue careers in key North Carolina industries such as:



tourism



information
technology



energy



business and
financial services

In 2024-25, North Carolina students earned over 382,900 industry-recognized credentials that are aligned with the state's high-priority credential list.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in North Carolina, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based learning experiences with industry partners.

During the 2023-24 school year, North Carolina had:

550,918

secondary CTE participants

111,316

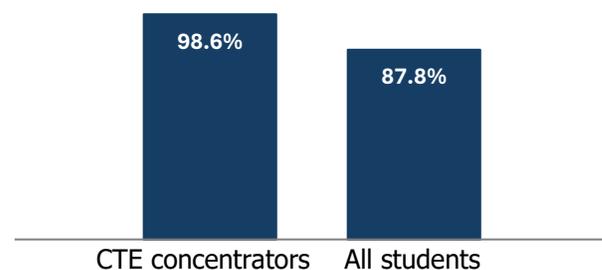
postsecondary CTE participants

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.

FY 25 Federal Perkins CTE
Funding for North Carolina

\$48,786,957

Four-year graduation rate in North
Carolina (2024-25)



Supporting CTE programs across North Carolina ensures that students have access to rigorous and industry-relevant coursework in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand fields.

57,971

Postsecondary certificates and associate degrees in CTE fields awarded to North Carolina students (2023-24)

CTE: Good for Students, Good for Businesses, Good for Communities