



AA Registry Unit Plan

Basic Facts about the CTE Profession

ACTE is your resource for quick, to-the-point information that will help you make the case for career and technical education with policymakers, businesses and the public. The following fact sheets and infographics describe the CTE system and its benefits for students and employers. In addition to these fact sheets, ACTE also produces more in-depth [reports, publications and toolkits](#).

General Fact Sheets & Infographics

[What is CTE?](#) (February 2022)

Overview of basic facts and benefits about CTE that will grab the attention of anyone new to CTE, including students and families, industry leaders, policymakers and the media. Additionally, CTE supporters can utilize the [What is CTE? Spanish-Translated Version](#) to inform the Spanish-speaking community about CTE.

[CTE Works!](#) (March 2022)

Research overview of CTE's impact on student academic achievement, dropout rates, adult workforce needs, earnings and employment outcomes, the skills gap and state economies. A [Spanish-Translated Version of CTE Works!](#) is also available to communicate recent research on CTE's benefits to learners and families in the Spanish-speaking community.

[What is a Credential?](#) (July 2017)

Overview of the different types of credentials that can be earned by students in CTE programs of study.

[A Brief History of CTE](#) (December 2021)

Describes how federal CTE policy has evolved since 1917, up to and including the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V).

[Pell Grants & Short-term Programs](#) (December 2021)

Provides evidence about how high quality short-term postsecondary CTE programs, paired with financial assistance, can lead to positive educational and career outcomes.

[Investing in Career and Technical Education Yields Big Returns](#) (January 2018)

Statistics from return-on-investment research of CTE programs across the country, showing that the economic impact CTE can have locally, statewide and nationally is enormous.

[CTE: Readiness For All Careers](#) (February 2018)

Connects the general workforce skills that employers most need with research demonstrating how CTE helps students develop skills with value across industries and career fields.

[What is “Career Ready?”](#) (April 2010)

Outlines three broad sets of skills students need to be career-ready core academic skills, employability skills and technical skills.

[State Fact Sheets](#) (March 2022)

One-pagers that describe the CTE system in each state, including CTE learner performance data and labor market demand in each state.

[Sector-specific Fact Sheets](#)



[Sector Sheets](#)

This series describes CTE’s role in growing the qualified workforce for vital industry sectors. Share with industry, education leaders, policymakers and the public to illustrate how CTE supports specific industries and prepares students for career success. *Pearson proudly sponsors [ACTE Sector Sheets](#).*

[Family and Consumer Sciences: Career Pathways and Employer Connections](#) (August 2019)

Family and Consumer Sciences education prepares students for a wide variety of fulfilling, high-demand, high-wage careers within the Human Services, Hospitality and Tourism, Education and Training, and Visual Arts and Design sectors. See [citations](#) for data used in this tool. *Special thanks to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) for the use of the central graphic in the fact sheet.*

[Cybersecurity CTE: Your Pathway to Cybersecurity Careers](#) (October 2018)

Learn how CTE provides students with academic, technical and employability skills for a career in cybersecurity.