

Start Your Journey Toward College & Career with Texas CTE

Texas career and technical education (CTE) offers students personalized, flexible learning delivered by experts in 16 Career Clusters® with over 120 programs of study in more than 79 career pathways.

Texas CTE fuels students' journeys toward a career they are passionate about through authentic and rigorous learning, real world experience, and readiness for the next step.



A More Enriched High School Experience

Texas CTE offers a world of rigorous and relevant programs that allow students to explore a range of options for their future—including college and career—while still participating in athletics, fine arts, and other extracurricular activities.

Texas CTE expands students' high school experiences by providing opportunities for work-based learning through paid and unpaid experiences including internships, job shadowing, mentorships and networking with local community leaders. CTE students can also participate in career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) and earn college credit while still in high school.

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Choosing a Meaningful Education and Rewarding Career

High school students who participate in CTE are more likely to enroll in postsecondary education including technical schools that lead to associate and bachelor's degrees.

Texas CTE helps build students' self-confidence by delivering academic and employability skills and real-world problem solving experiences that lead to success in college and career. Advanced CTE courses help students develop their technical skill proficiency, allowing them to earn industry recognized credentials, certificates, and degrees.



The Gateway to Student Success in 21st Century Careers

Career and technical education has evolved beyond traditional vocational learning to prepare students for 21st Century Careers in fields like information technology, biotechnology, and beyond.

Texas CTE delivers meaningful coursework and hands-on learning experiences that give students the skills to pursue careers that are directly aligned with the needs of the local and regional workforce.



Students who participate in CTE enjoy a more well-rounded high school experience and graduate at a higher rate than their peers who are not in CTE. Most Texas CTE students continue their journey in their chosen pathway by enrolling in apprenticeships, colleges, and universities.

Whether they enroll in postsecondary education or move directly into the workforce, Texas CTE can provide students with self-confidence, a sense of accomplishment, employability skills, problem solving skills and critical thinking skills that will lead to success in their future.

Learn more about Texas CTE at TEA.TEXAS.GOV/CTE