New Jersey Department of Education

New Jersey CTE: Building Pathways for Success

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What is a CTE Program of Study?

A coordinated non-duplicative sequence of academic and technical content at the secondary and postsecondary level that:

- Incorporates challenging academic standards;
- Addresses both academic and technical knowledge and skills, including employability skills;
- Aligns to the needs of industries in the economy of the state, region, Tribal community, or local area; and
- Progresses in specificity (beginning with all aspects of an industry or Career Cluster and leading to more occupationspecific instruction).



Program of Study Components

Includes at least one of the following:

- Dual credit through a formal articulation agreement with an accredited institution of higher education (IHE).
- Industry-valued credential.
- Registered Apprenticeship through the United States Department of Labor (USDOL).



- Valued demanded by employers.
- Portable skills learned are transferable and provide broad opportunities.
- Stackable skills learned may lead to opportunities for continuous or advanced training and education.
- Rewarding lead to higher wages, career advancement and/or increased job security.



Grants to Support CTE

- Expanding Pre-Apprenticeships in a New Direction (ExPAND)
- Middle Grades Career Awareness and Exploration
- Building Capacity for Career Pathways in Comprehensive Schools





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