

WHAT IS CTE?

Career Technical Education (CTE) programs offer both academic and career oriented training. These programs prepare youth and adults for a wide range of high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand careers. CTE programs can be found in high schools, community and technical colleges, four year universities and more.

ELEMENTS OF A HIGH-QUALITY CTE PROGRAM

- ✓ Aligned with **California CTE Model Curriculum Standards**, providing a coherent sequence of courses, properly coded (CBEDs)
- ✓ Provides **career exploration** and **guidance**
- ✓ Provides **work readiness skills** and **leadership development**
- ✓ Provides for **regional and local partnerships** with post-secondary educational institutions documented through written agreements
- ✓ Forms ongoing **employer partnerships**
- ✓ Provides **work-based learning opportunities**
- ✓ Reflects regional or local **labor market demands**
- ✓ Leads to an industry-recognized **credential** or **certificate**
- ✓ Is staffed by **CTE-credentialed, skilled teachers**
- ✓ Program **reports data** to allow for program evaluation
- ✓ Program **promotion, marketing** and **outreach**