

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Purpose of Career and Technical Education (CTE)?

CTE provides students with technical training to prepare for a successful career. The structured training each student receives gives him or her the tools needed to be successful in a job after high school and/or further his or her post-secondary education, whether technical school, two-year college, or four-year college. Each student is encouraged to explore various areas of study and to develop the essential skills to feel competent in entering today's competitive job market.

What Subject Areas Are Taught at The CRTC?

- Automotive Technology
- Construction Technology
- Cosmetology (proposed for Fall 2008)
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Exploring Teaching
- Graphic Arts Technology
- Health Science and Technology
- Information Technology Education

Why Are CTE Programs Different from Academic Courses?

- Students apply theory to real-life situations and achieve success by connecting school and careers.
- Students engage in a project-based curriculum with a focus upon practical experience.
- Students have an opportunity to earn college credits as well as enroll in established pathways to post-secondary.
- Students participate in job shadowing, internships, and work-based learning activities.
- Students practice employability skills as well as develop a business-ready work ethics and values.
- Students learn in facilities with modern industry-standard equipment.
- Students earn industry certificates of accomplishment.
- Students develop leadership skills by participating state and national co-curricular organizations.
- Students learn from accomplished instructors who have proven themselves in their respective industry.
- Students benefit from program guidance provided by advisory boards consisting of community members with expertise in one of our particular programs.

Is CTE Only For Students Who Are Not College-Bound?

No. Career and Technical Education is essential for all students, providing them with a foundation of academic knowledge and essential technical skills. CTE courses and programs introduce students to career options and assist them in making informed educational choices.

How Are CTE and School-to-Work Related?

Through career exploration, cooperative education, and vocational education, students receive guidance and knowledge of Career Pathways and opportunities, learning career skills "hands-on," through a variety of Work-Based Learning activities.

What is Project Running Start?

In 1999, the Community College System introduced the *Running Start* program, a partnership enabling high school students to enroll in college courses at a significant reduction in tuition. The courses are offered during the school day at high schools across the state, and in some high schools in Maine and Vermont. College courses range from general studies to career-specific courses.

Each high school faculty member who teaches a college course through *Running Start* is partnered with a community college faculty member, and meets or exceeds CCSNH faculty qualifications. Many are also adjunct faculty at one of the colleges.

The benefits to high school students, typically juniors and seniors, who take advantage of the opportunity to enroll in their first year of college courses while still in high school include:

- Gain experience in college-level work and expectations
- Earn transcripted college credit at a reduced tuition rate of only \$100 per course.
- Credits may be transferred to other two-year and four-year colleges across the country.

How Can I Learn More About CTE?

Talk to your high school counselor or contact the Concord Regional Technology Center, or access our Web site: theCRTC.net

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Career and Technical Education is an essential component of the total educational system in Utah and is critical to the country's ability to compete in a global economy. Career and Technical Education is provided in a variety of settings and levels including middle school/junior high career exploration, secondary programs, post-secondary certificates and degrees, and customized training for employees in the workplace.



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