



February is CTE Month!

Join us in celebrating
your local CTE program.

What is Career & Technical Education (CTE)?

Career & Technical Education prepares all South Dakota students to be **college & career-ready** by equipping them with academic skills, employability skills, and job-specific technical skills.

CTE courses are offered in middle schools, high schools, technical institutes, and universities in South Dakota.

Within CTE, occupations and career specialties are grouped into **Career Clusters®**. Each of the 16 clusters is based on a set of common knowledge and skills that prepare learners for a full range of opportunities.

Join a Student Organization!

CTE student organizations help develop leadership skills, allow you to meet other students with similar interests, and to travel.

These organizations include:

-FBLA

-FFA

-DECA

-SkillsUSA

-FCCLA

-FEA

How can a CTE program help me?

CTE courses allow you to jump start your career while you:

- Explore a variety of careers
- Participate in hands-on coursework
- Solve real-world problems
- Earn college credit & industry certifications
- Work side-by-side with professionals
- Develop leadership skills
- Save time and money in your postsecondary career

More Information

For more information on enrolling in a CTE program, contact your school counselor or visit

<http://doe.sd.gov/octe/careerclusters.aspx>

