Florida’s Career Clusters and Program Examples

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Agritechnology, Veterinary Assisting, Horticulture

Architecture & Construction
- Building Trades, Carpentry, Drafting, Electricity/Electrician

Arts, A/V Technology & Communication
- Digital Design, Television Production

Business Management & Administration
- Accounting Applications, International Business

Education & Training
- Early Childhood Education, Principles of Teaching

Energy
- Energy Technician, Solar Energy, Electrical Lineworker

Engineering & Technology Education
- Applied Robotics, Engineering Pathways

Finance
- Personal Financial Literacy, Global Finance

Government & Public Administration
- Emergency Planning and Response, Public Works

Health Science
- Paramedic, Nursing R.N.

Hospitality & Tourism
- Culinary Arts, Restaurant Management

Human Services
- Barbering, Cosmetology, Nails Specialty

Information Technology
- Applied Info Technology, Game/Simulation/Animation

Law, Public Safety & Security
- Criminal Justice Operations, Firefighter I / II

Manufacturing
- Automation and Production Technology, Aerospace Technology

Marketing, Sales & Service
- Entrepreneurship, Marketing Management, Customer Service

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
- Aircraft/Airframe Mechanics, Automotive Service Technology

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The Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE) manages programs for middle school, high school, district technical school and Florida College System students throughout Florida. Each career preparatory program is reviewed by career-specific business and industry members on a three-year cycle to ensure the program remains relevant in today’s market.

Florida’s Fastest Growing Occupations Require CTE

Half of the 50 fastest-growing occupations in Florida require a postsecondary career certificate or associate degree. Examples of these careers include the following:

- Medical Assistants
- Financial Managers
- Tile/Marble Setters
- Dental Hygienists
- Veterinary Technicians
- Roofers
- Software Developers
- Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
- Physical Therapist Assistants
- Structural Iron and Steel Workers
- Veterinary Technicians
- Medical Assistants
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Level of Education Required for Florida’s 50 Fastest-Growing Occupations

![Pie chart showing the level of education required for Florida’s 50 fastest-growing occupations.]

- High School or Less: 10%
- Career Certificate: 36%
- Associate: 14%
- Bachelor’s: 16%
- Master’s +: 24%

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (2018-2026) [www.floridakids.org/lmsc/ep](http://www.floridakids.org/lmsc/ep)

Reasons to Consider CTE

**CTE is a cost-effective way for students to start a career in as little as one or two years of school!**

**High School**

- CTE courses contain rigorous academic curriculum and performance standards and may be designated Level 3, the same as honors courses.
- Some courses count toward science, practical arts or economics credits required for high school graduation.
- Many CTE students earn industry certifications, which make them more employable.
- Industry certifications may be used to earn college credits and meet requirements for high school graduation.
- Students who take at least three courses in a program may be eligible for the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award.

**Career Certificates**

- Students may earn college credits for industry certifications and/or completing certain career certificate programs.
- Many district career centers offer certificate programs that may be completed in as little as one year.

**Colleges and Universities**

- Through articulation agreements, students may save money on tuition for associate degrees in the Florida College System.
- Industry certifications may make students more competitive for job openings.
- Many students apply knowledge and skills learned in CTE programs to bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

**All CTE Students**

- Students participate in Career and Technical Student Organizations through which they develop valuable leadership skills and participate in competitions at the regional, state and national level.

Please visit our website for more information! [www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu](http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu)

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