

Join the Career Technical Education Virtual Institute!



What is the CTE Virtual Institute? The CTE Virtual Institute is a free-of-charge, seven-module crash course designed to get new audiences up to speed on all things related to Career Technical Education (CTE). The course will guide participants through the history and core components of a strong CTE system, demonstrating promising practices and profiling exemplar CTE programs along the way.

Who should join? The course is designed for audiences that are new to the world of CTE or may have limited expertise, including practitioners, policymakers, researchers and more. The course may be particularly relevant for individuals working in secondary education, postsecondary education or workforce development at either the state or national level, though all who are interested are encouraged to apply.

What do I get out of it? Participants will be able to:

- Understand the history of CTE in the United States and how it came to be what it is today;
- Understand what high-quality CTE looks like, both at the program and systems level and at the secondary and postsecondary level;
- Use data and real-world examples to advocate for high-quality CTE;
- Recognize the role that federal, state and local stakeholders play in strengthening CTE;
- Recognize the role they themselves play in supporting high-quality CTE; and
- Network with other professionals learning about high-quality CTE.

Sign Up Today:

- The application opens on Sept. 12, 2017
- Go to <http://careertech.org/cte-virtual-institute> to register.
- The course will begin on Oct. 23, 2017 and conclude on Dec. 18.

Course Schedule At-A-Glance

Start	Module	Description
TBD	Kickoff Webinar	On the kickoff webinar, participants will learn about the course expectations, hear about the <i>Putting Learner Success First Vision</i> and meet fellow participants.
10/23	What is Career Technical Education?	This module examines what CTE looks like today and equips participants with the vocabulary and real-world examples to get up to speed on all things CTE.
10/30	Module 2: A Brief History of CTE	This module provides an overview of the history of CTE, from Smith-Hughes to Perkins and beyond, addressing the key differences between CTE and “vocational education.”
11/6	Module 3: Rigor and Quality in CTE	“Ensuring Rigor and Quality in CTE” defines the key components of a high-quality CTE program of study.
11/13	Module 4: Career Exploration & Work-based Learning	This module examines different strategies to guide learners along their career pathways, examining middle school career exploration, Career Technical Student Organizations, work-based learning and more.
11/20		Break for Thanksgiving
11/27	Module 5: Flexibility in Learning Pathways	This module explores strategies for integrating learning experiences throughout the educational continuum — including dual enrollment, competency-based education and integrated academic and technical instruction.
12/4	Module 6: Instructors, Leaders & Industry Experts	This module describes the continuum of activities that expose learners to industry experts and unpacks common challenges and solutions with recruiting, certifying and training CTE instructors.
12/11	Module 7: Systems Alignment for Learner Success	In this module, participants will recognize the role that different systems play in advancing high-quality programs of study and the importance of setting a statewide vision. Participants will also differentiate the role of federal, state and local governments.