The CTE Supporting Programs include College and Career Awareness, Skill Certificate Program, and Work-Based Learning. Each program strengthens the ties between school and work by enhancing the CTE Career Pathway exploration and training.

**46,297**

students participated in

![College & Career Awareness](image)

2015-2016 data

Students identify their interests, abilities, and skills within the following career fields:

- Technical
- Scientific
- Arts & Recreation
- Social Humanitarian
- Marketing & Admin.
- Business Operations

In 2016-2017, 243,492 CTE skill tests were administered to high school students

**105,691**

CTE Skill Certificates awarded

Students’ knowledge and performance is demonstrated as part of the Skill Certificate process.

**2,611**

students completed a Work-Based Learning CTE Internship in 2016-2017.

**COLLEGE AND CAREER AWARENESS**

College and Career Awareness is a 7th grade course that is designed to help students identify their interest, abilities, and skills.

College and Career Awareness offers exploration and preparation in CTE Career Pathways focusing on jobs that are high skill and high demand, as well as satisfying and financially rewarding.

College and Career Awareness lessons connect to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Every career a student explores and every activity in which a student participates links to career opportunities in STEM.

**SKILL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

The Skill Certificate Program initiative provides statewide competency-based student assessments. Student skill attainment is measured by core standards and competencies needed to be successful in the workforce.

The Skill Certificate Program provides students, grades 9-12, with opportunities to receive instruction aligned with standards and objectives set by the state of Utah and by industry.

**CTE CAREER PATHWAYS CONNECTION**

The Skill Certificate Program supports the CTE Career Pathways. CTE Skill Certificate assessments are available in each of the 15 CTE Career Clusters®.

**WORK-BASED LEARNING**

Work-Based Learning (WBL) gives students the opportunity to see how classroom instruction connects to the world of work and future career opportunities.

WBL provides opportunities for students to learn a variety of skills through rigorous academic preparation with hands-on career development experiences. Under the guidance of adult mentors, students learn to work in teams, solve problems, and meet employers’ expectations.

**CTE CAREER PATHWAYS CONNECTION**

WBL supports the CTE Career Pathways initiative. WBL experiences are available in each Career Pathway. Through a variety of WBL experiences students see, firsthand, how classroom instruction connects to the world of work and future career opportunities.
Career and Technical Education (CTE) provides all students access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused programs that result in attainment of credentials with labor market value.