



CTE DIRECTIONS

Career and Technical Education (CTE) News and Information

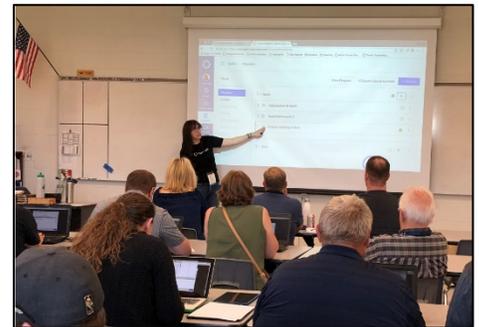
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Career and Technical Education provides all students access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused programs that result in attainment of credentials with labor market value.

CTE Summer Conference: Registration Now Open

In June, Utah Career and Technical Education educators from across the state will participate in the annual [CTE Summer Conference](#). The CTE staff, at the Utah State Board of Education, has worked diligently to deliver high quality professional development for CTE programs. Conferences will be held in various locations across the state. This is the premier opportunity for Utah CTE educators to hear about the latest industry and education trends. Educators will receive hands-on training, important teaching techniques, and CTE initiatives that support high quality instruction.

From June 10 to June 22, conferences will be held at various locations throughout the state. [REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.](#)



Student Highlight

Bailey Jeppesen is a student at Tooele High School and is a HOSA chapter officer. She plans to pursue a career in health sciences as a physician's assistant or radiologist. Here is Bailey's CTE story.



"The CTE courses that I have taken throughout high school have been very beneficial to me. When I first entered high school I had no idea which path to take or which career would be right for me. I was overwhelmed by all the influences trying to push me one way or another. CTE classes allowed me to see for myself what sparked a passion in me. Since there are so many options to choose from I was able to experience a variety of fields until I discovered my favorite, health science. These specialized medical classes, arranged in a perfect pathway to maximize learning, have given me opportunities that I could not have imagined when I first entered high school. Not only is there valuable in-class learning there are also practical applications to each course. These include internships, networking opportunities, and even job placements. Each CTE pathway gives students tangible workplace value directly out of high school. Because of the CTE

classes I have taken, I am now a Certified Emergency Medical Responder and will soon be a Certified Medical Assistant. These courses have altogether changed my outlook on the future and have helped me to discover my passions. Many of the accomplishments I have achieved, even at a young age, would not be possible without my experience in the CTE program. I now no longer have to fear or dread my future but can instead embrace the excitement in pursuing a meaningful career in which I know I will be able to make a difference."

[What is your CTE story?](#)

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CTE Credentials of Value

Utah students have the opportunity to earn third-party certifications while in high school through participation in Career and Technical Education. Third-party certifications are awarded through validation of skills in cooperation with a business, trade association, or other industry group. In addition, the Utah CTE 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. Students' knowledge and performance is demonstrated as part of the CTE Skill Certification process.

Each [CTE Credential of Value](#) is portable, stackable, transferable, and is driven by employers.

Industry Standards Rating Tool

How can you make a difference in education? Get yourself set up as a standards rater by accessing the [Industry Standards Rating Tool](#). Industry leaders and educators need to work together now more than ever. There are millions of jobs that need to be filled, and students need the knowledge and skills in order to fill the positions and get started on a successful career.

This project connects industry leaders and educators and provides a way for industry to rate the importance of the knowledge and skills contained in courses offered for a particular industry and skill level. When industry and government align to develop the workforce, the community benefits. It's a win-win to place high school students on the fast-track to careers while lowering unemployment and strengthening the economy.



"Your role in providing input and support in aligning industry-recognized standards to provide meaningful educational, job, and career pathways represents a very valuable contribution," says Thalea Longhurst, State Director, Career and Technical Education.

Life After High School: Modern Career Pathways

On Thursday, April 25, KUED and UEN will host [Life After High School: Modern Career Pathways](#). This is a free online event to help students, parents, and educators better understand career opportunities in Utah. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with an online screening of Roadtrip Nation: [Skilled Powered](#). Then at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Q&A with Travis Cook, education specialist at the Utah State Board of Education.

This event is part of the American Graduate: Getting to Work, a public media initiative made possible by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Registration is required. Register online at <https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/mknny>.



MOS and MTA

In August, did you apply for Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) and Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) vouchers? Do you need more? If you do, contact [Breckon Heywood](#), education specialist at the Utah State Board of Education.

Calendar:

April 4: [Utah State Board of Education](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

April 11: [Utah State Charter School Board](#) Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

April 23: CTE Scholarships and Tuition Awards Recipient Banquet – Salt Lake Community College – Salt Lake City, UT

April 27-30: [National DECA Conference](#) – Orange County Convention Center – Orlando, FL

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