

Education and Training Career Cluster/Pathways

If you want to have a lifelong impact on others, then you will want to take a close look at the Education and Training Career Cluster. This family of classes and practical experiences develops the art of teaching, planning and administration in schools, colleges, technical institutes and businesses. Education is one of the basic rights of children in America, and states always need qualified teachers.

This career cluster is organized into three career pathways:

- Administration and administrative support
- Professional support services
- Teaching and training

Careers

Students in education and training learn and practice skills that prepare them for diverse post-high school education and training opportunities, from apprenticeships and two-year college programs to four-year college and graduate programs.

CTE classes in this cluster will introduce you to a variety of interesting careers including:

- Superintendent, principal or administrator
- Teacher or instructor
- Preschool or kindergarten teacher
- Clinical, developmental or social psychologist
- Social worker
- Counselor
- Teacher assistant
- Parent educator
- Child care worker
- Coach
- Recreation worker
- Sign language interpreter

Note: Each school and school district has different CTE options. Not every district has classes in every cluster, nor does every district offer CTE dual credit and Advanced Placement options.



Career and Technical Student Organizations

Career and technical student organizations are much more than clubs. They provide opportunities for hands-on learning, and for applying career, leadership and personal skills in real-world environments. Participants build their skills by developing projects, attending events, and competing regionally and nationally.

The student organization for education and training is Washington State Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

To view the [list of CTSOs](#).

Education After High School

It is fact that young people who have at least one year of post-high school education earn thousands of dollars more a year. So, if you spend even one year at a two- or four-year college, in a certificate program at a technical school, or in an apprenticeship after you graduate from high school, you will very likely earn higher wages all your life. By furthering your education, you will be better-prepared to successfully navigate the world of work.

After taking CTE classes in education and training, you could pursue any number of opportunities including:

- A Child Development Associate (CDA) certification from the [Council for Professional Recognition](#). These can be completed while still in high school.
- An [apprenticeship](#)
- A two-year college program. Several colleges across the state offer an associate's degree in early childhood education.
- A four-year college program to earn a bachelor's in education or education administration

Student Resources

Middle & High School

- [Preparing for your future: Why CTE?](#)
- Your school career or guidance counselor
- Your principal or school district/State-Tribal Education Compact/skill center Career and Technical Education office
- OSPI Career and Technical Education Office

Apprenticeship & College

More than 1,000 jobs in Washington are connected to an active, registered apprenticeship program. For more information about apprenticeships and colleges, visit:

- [How to become an apprentice: Five steps to getting started](#)
- [Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges](#)
- [Checkoutcollege.com](#)
- [Washington Student Achievement Council](#)
- [Washington Career Bridge](#)

Additional Resources

- [Center of Excellence for Careers in Education](#)
- [American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences](#)
- [National Association for the Education of Young Children - The nation's largest and most influential organization of early childhood educators, committed to making the early years count](#)
- [Washington Education Association](#)
- [Partnership for Learning](#)

For Educators

- [Forms and Standards](#)
- [Comprehensive CIP Code Chart](#)

CIP Codes

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Codes assist in tracking, assessment, and reporting CTE courses.

- [130101](#)
- [131501](#)
- [138888](#)
- [160103](#)
- [161603](#)
- [168888](#)