

## Office of Career-Technical Education

### Our Vision

Every Ohio secondary career tech program graduate is prepared for successful employment and ongoing education, and every Ohio business has the workforce it needs to prosper.

### Our Mission

Provide leadership and support for the successful delivery of quality career-technical education in an effort to drive quality workforce development in Ohio.

### Our Signature Areas

The Office of Career-Technical Education has identified four signature areas that recognizes the state's highest workforce development needs and aligns the efforts of the Office with these needs.

#### 1. Career Connections

- Integrate Career Connections through K-12
- Engage students in using the OhioMeansJobs website
- Encourage student success plans for all students

#### 2. Career Preparation

- Increase career-technical student enrollment
- Promote Career Pathways aligned to postsecondary education and in demand occupations
- Assure integration of high-level academic and technical knowledge and skills

#### 3. Career Readiness

- Increase the number of students obtaining credentials, certificates and licenses
- Prepare students for multiple options after high school: gainful employment and/or postsecondary study
- Collaborate with Ohio businesses to ensure they have the workforce needed to succeed

#### 4. Program Quality

- Design accountability systems so students have access to quality programs
- Provide teachers with the professional development they need to meet high academic, technical and pedagogical standards
- Reduce barriers in credentialing career tech teachers through the alternative licensure program