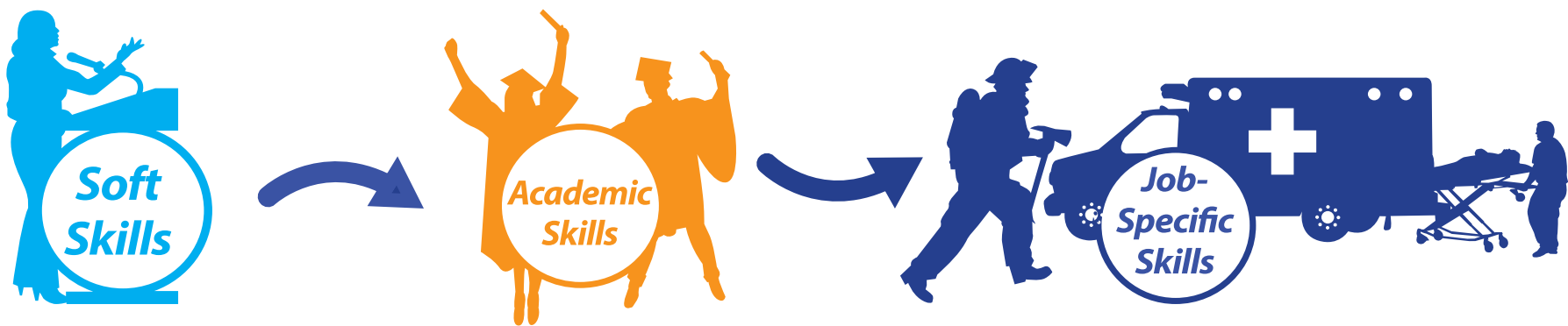


CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

What is CTE?

Career and Technical Education (CTE) encompasses educational programs that fuse academic and technical skills to prepare students for their chosen field of work. The programs are designed to reflect **industry standards and trends**, incorporating coherent course sequences, industry-based certifications, and work-based learning opportunities to optimize student learning.

CTE programs cover a vast number of career fields, such as health science, information technology, engineering, and more¹.



Why CTE?

- Students are equipped with **real-world skills**, including industry-relevant certifications, for high-demand jobs⁵.
- In 2023, the median annual wage for CTE educators was **\$63,580**⁶.
- Approximately **15,200 positions** for CTE instructors are expected annually, making these **occupations among the fastest growing**^{5, 6}.

72%

of CTE students were employed full time within two years of graduation⁷.

93%

of CTE students graduate, which is 13% higher than the national average⁸.

Career Clusters⁹

- Financial Services
- Arts, Entertainment & Design
- Hospitality, Events, & Tourism
- Supply Chain & Transportation
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Construction
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Agriculture
- Public Service & Safety
- Healthcare & Human Services
- Education

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