

### Career and Technical Education in Texas

- At the secondary level, CTE is delivered through comprehensive high schools; magnet schools, which offer specialized curriculum that fully integrates core academic instruction with specific career training; career academies within comprehensive high schools, which are small, personalized learning communities that contextualize academic instruction with specific career training; and stand-alone career academies, which are career academies that function independent of a comprehensive high school.
- Postsecondary CTE is delivered through 57 community, state and technical colleges, with 79 campuses delivering CTE, including 10 Texas State Technical College campuses.
- Learn more at [CTAT.org](http://CTAT.org).

In school year 2014-2015, Texas served **1,210,587** high school students and **245,653** postsecondary students.

In Fiscal Year 2015, Texas received **\$91,909,431** in Perkins funding—about \$100,000 less than in 2014 and \$9.2 million less than in 2010.

### Exemplary CTE Programs in Texas

- The [\*\*Greater Waco Advanced Manufacturing Academy \(GWAMA\)\*\*](#) in Texas prepares 11th- and 12th-graders with academic, workplace and technical skills in the fields of welding, precision metal manufacturing, and robotics and electronics. Students attend the academy in the afternoon and participate in activities such as safety training, soft skills development, SkillsUSA, internships and mentorships. GWAMA was developed in conjunction with the Waco Business League, Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, Texas State Technical College and area businesses, including Caterpillar, Time Manufacturing and Central Texas Iron Works, among many others. *(Information from the GWAMA website)*
- The [\*\*Texas Success Center\*\*](#) is at the center of the state's efforts to improve postsecondary student attainment, with a particular focus on using research and promising practices to support Texas community colleges. The Center was established at the Texas Association of Community Colleges through its 501(c)3 affiliate, the Texas Community College Education Initiative. Recently the Center launched the Texas Pathways Project, a statewide initiative to support community colleges in building and implementing structured academic and career pathways for all students. The Texas Pathways Project is evidence-based and modeled on the American Association of Community Colleges' pathways project. The project goal is to increase postsecondary credential attainment for young Texans to 60 percent by 2030. *(Information from the Center website)*

In school year 2014-2015:

- **97** percent of Texas CTE high school students graduated
- **93** percent met performance goals for mathematics
- **96** percent met performance goals for reading/language arts
- **90** percent of Texas CTE postsecondary students met performance goals for technical skills