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February 26, 2013

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

*Retraactive  
100% Federal Funds*

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Education, Bureau of Career Development to pay the 2013 membership renewal fee to the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) (vendor code 170291) in the amount of \$2,500.00. These funds are 100% Federal. Funding for this request is available in:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
06-56-565010-60320000-026 (500251)	\$2,500.00	2013

**EXPLANATION**

ACTE is a recognized leader in providing leadership in developing an educated, prepared, adaptable and competitive workforce.

All 27 Career Technical Education (CTE) centers across New Hampshire benefit from New Hampshire's participation in this membership. Of the 27 CTE centers, 52 separate programs are supported by this membership. The majority of the career and technical education programs yield at least six college credits through Project Running Start program, in part, due to the consistent news and updates from ACTE.

In the event Federal Funds become no longer available, General funds will not be requested to support this membership

Respectfully submitted,

*Virginia M. Barry*  
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**Association of Career and Technical Education  
Membership Renewal Fee**

**Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:**

1. How long has the organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?

This organization was established in 1926. The agency rejoined its membership three years ago based on ACTE recently becoming the leader in CTE Instructional Materials.

2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?

No.

3. How many other state's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

ACTE has a diverse membership composed of more than 27,000 career and technical educators, administrators, researches, guidance counselors and others involved in planning and conducting career and technical programs at the secondary level. The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Career Development is the only New Hampshire state agency known to be a member.

4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on populations, based on other criteria, etc.)

ACTE Educational Institutional Memberships are available at three levels. The Fees are based on the full time equivalent of students served, both secondary and postsecondary per the following fee structure:

	# of Students	Dues	Board Members
<u>Level I</u>	up to 2,500	\$2,500	4
<u>Level II</u>	2,501-3,500	\$5,000	6
<u>Level III</u>	over 3,501	\$10,000	10

5. What benefits does the state receive from participating in this membership?
  - Acknowledgement in ACTE publications and at CareerTechVISION, the annual conference
  - Permission to use the ACTE logo to display the active support of the organization's efforts
  - Inclusion on Ambassador's\_List for media contacts
  - Two non-voting delegates at the ACTE Assembly of Delegates
  - A special electronic publication (quarterly Educational Institution Update), including a recap of ACTE's activities, that will help institutions continue to deliver great career and technical education programs
  - National ACTE memberships for your Institutions primary and secondary contact
  - Regular legislative updates and alerts regarding funding of the federal Perkins Act of 2006
  - Discounts or valuable publications related to career and technical education
  - Regular advocacy with members of congress, assistance with advocacy at the state level
  - Valuable marketing tools for career and technical education at no cost

6. Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.

Yes, ACTE continuously develops and updates resources and trainings to improve teaching strategies for the delivery of integrated academic and career technical curriculum. Significant pricing discounts are available to CTE Centers as a result of membership in this organization.

7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain

No, membership is not required to receive any grant fund or participate in licensing or certification exams.

8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destinations if known and purposes of membership supported trips.

Travel fees are not included in this membership; however registration fees at a discount of 50% are standard with this membership.

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.

Lisa Danley, Constance Manchester-Bonenfant, Steve Bos, Regina Fiske, Melissa Ritchings, Kevin Shyne, Mary Laturneau, Patricia Tormey, Beth Doiron, Carrie Gorman and Laurie MacRae are all members that have various levels of involvement with ACTE.

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

Negative impact includes:

- 1) Inability to stay apprised of legislative progress with federal funding of the Perkins Act
- 2) Alerts to the needs of business and industry would not be possible causing disconnects with program offerings and their career paths
- 3) Loss of professional development opportunities at the state and federal
- 4) Forfeiture of guidance at a national level on issues governing the industry to ensure students are college-ready once they graduate from any career and technical education program



# ACTE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

703 683-3111

800-826-9972

Fax: 703 683-7424

TDD: 703-683-1409

Taxpayer ID# 52-0632865

Please mail payment to: Association for Career and Technical Education  
P.O. Box 758621, Baltimore, MD 21275-8621

www.acteonline.org

Taxpayer ID# 52-0632865

January 18, 2013

Member ID **420412**

Sold To:

### NH Department of Education

Contact: Lisa Danley

Bureau of Career Developme

Concord NH 03301-2428

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

ACTE does not accept purchase orders.

- Check (made payable to ACTE)
- Visa    Mastercard    American Express    Discover

Card Holder Name \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code\* \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\* The security code for Visa, Mastercard, and Discover is located on the back of the card—the last three digits of the number printed on the signature panel. For American Express, the security code is located on the front of the card—the four digit number above and to the right of the main credit card number.

Contact: Lisa Danley

DUES   EIM1   For the Annual Period   3/1/2013   through   2/28/2014   \$2,500.00

**ACTE has changed its Educational Institution Membership to provide you with an opportunity to choose the type of services and rewards that best fits your institution's needs.**

**PLEASE NOTE** your level will no longer be determined by the number of faculty/staff/students in your institution but rather by the number of rewards you would like to receive. **Please see the reverse side of this form for additional details.**

**Your current renewal level is listed above.** You can make changes to your current level by marking the benefit selections on the back of this form and confirming your renewal amount below.

Please confirm or update my renewal level to reflect the \_\_\_\_\_ level at \$\_\_\_\_\_.

If you have questions or need an updated renewal invoice, please contact Doris Guerdat at [dguerdat@acteonline.org](mailto:dguerdat@acteonline.org) <<mailto:dguerdat@acteonline.org>>

Please make check payable to ACTE.  
Be sure to include your Member ID **420412** on your check.  
Thank you.

Please mail payments to:  
Association for Career and Technical Education  
PO Box 758621  
Baltimore, MD 21275-8621



# ACTE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION MEMBERSHIP

www.acteonline.org

## PRIMARY CONTACT\*

NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

STATE

ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

## SECONDARY CONTACT\*

NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

STATE

ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

\* The primary and secondary contacts will receive a complimentary ACTE membership and are required to join their state association if they are located in a unified state (AR, CA, CO, DC, GA, KS, KY, MS, MT, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, SD, TX, UT, WV and the Bahamas.)

Notes: In the event that a contact of an educational institution located in a unified state does not join their state association, they will receive member benefits with the exception of voting and AD&D insurance, and they are not included in their state's membership totals.

Please note ACTE dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for the U.S. federal income tax purposes, but may be deductible as a business expense.

## EIM Extra Rewards

Please mark the benefits you would like to receive for your reward level.

Silver \$2,500 Choose TWO Additional Benefits	Gold \$5,000 Choose FOUR Additional Benefits	Platinum \$10,000 ALL Benefits Included
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MEMBER BENEFITS			
Four free National ACTE memberships (a \$320 value)*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	INCLUDED!
10 percent discount for 21st Century Leadership Institute registrations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	INCLUDED!
EVENT BENEFITS			
Two free CareerTech VISION registrations (up to a \$695 value per registration)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	INCLUDED!
One free National Policy Seminar registration (up to a \$350 value)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	INCLUDED!
One free Best Practices and Innovations Conference registration (up to a \$400 value)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	INCLUDED!
ADVOCACY/IMAGE BENEFITS			
Included on priority list to provide testimony to congressional committees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	INCLUDED!
Assistance with arranging meetings with appropriate congressional representatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	INCLUDED!
VIP ACCESS BENEFITS			
Access to VIP hospitality lounge and invitations to VIP activities at ACTE events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	INCLUDED!
Inclusion in invitation-only special briefings/national summits, such as the National Leadership Forum and VIP meetings with CareerTech VISION General Session speakers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	INCLUDED!
Discount for ACTE consulting services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	INCLUDED!
\$10 discount off National ACTE membership for educators in your institution (unified dues would still apply; must be a current EIM in order for members to receive discount; list must be submitted at one time)			INCLUDED!
Concierge service—access to a central point of contact at ACTE headquarters to assist you with your needs and special services at ACTE events, including:			INCLUDED!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skip the registration line; all badges for your institution will be hand-delivered to your designee.</li> <li>Skip the book signing line; ACTE will secure signed books from speakers for you to purchase.</li> </ul>			

\* FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN UNIFIED STATES, IT IS REQUIRED THAT STATE/DIVISION DUES ALSO BE PAID.

AUG. 2012

## Educational Institution Membership

[Join or Renew Membership](#) > [ACTE Associate Membership](#) > [Associate Membership Current List](#) > Educational Institution Membership

### Positioning Your Institution For Success

#### The Value of Being an Educational Institute Member

Keeping current in an ever-changing world is an ongoing challenge. ACTE can help! To be successful in today's global society, educational institutions must be up to date with information, classroom tools and equipment that help teachers provide top-of-the-line programs and resources.

ACTE works on a daily basis to ensure that career and technical institutions have the policy support and funding they need to offer high-quality programs that will help them achieve their goals. The work of an umbrella organization like ACTE helps to ultimately support the educational elements—professional development, up-to-date equipment, cutting-edge curriculum and research on best practices—that ensure Educational Institution Members are delivering high-quality education that will result in a prepared, well-educated and adaptable workforce—a workforce that will continue to enhance and increase the economic viability for our nation.

Becoming an ACTE member signifies a commitment to the career and technical education field as well as support of ACTE. This membership category is available for any school district, technical and career center, curriculum center, community college or university. Institutions can join at different levels and enjoy benefits that match their level of support. [Join Now!](#)

### What We Do for Educational Institutions

For nearly a century, the Association for Career and Technical Education has provided its individual members with the tools and resources they need to be successful educators. With the establishment of the ACTE Educational Institution Membership (EIM) program, institutions both further their own vision and goals, and have the opportunity to be actively involved with the Association as it implements its mission to provide leadership in developing an educated, prepared and competitive workforce. ACTE Educational Institution Membership EIM membership provides your institution with image enhancement, influence, information and leadership development.

### NEW Benefits for Your Institution

All EIMs receive the following benefits:

- acknowledgement in ACTE publications and at [CareerTech VISION](#)
- permission to use the ACTE logo to display their active support of the organization's efforts
- included on [Ambassador's List](#) for media contacts
- two non-voting delegates at the ACTE Assembly of Delegates
- a special electronic publication (quarterly Educational Institution Update), including a recap of ACTE's activities, that will help institutions continue to deliver great career and technical education programs
- EIM member ribbon (based on level) given at events
- reserved seating at the front of the CareerTech VISION General Session area for your institution's board members, senior staff or administrators
- national ACTE memberships for your Institution's primary and secondary contact

**Choose additional benefits to provide your institution with the most value!**

As an EIM, you can customize your membership to meet **your** needs and provide the greatest benefits. Choose the level that best fits your institutional needs to receive additional rewards!

**Who Can Join as an Educational Institution Member?**

This membership category is available to any school district, technical and career center, curriculum center, community college or university.

ACTE Educational Institute Memberships are available at three levels. Your dues and the number of additional benefits you receive are determined by the level at which you join.

- Silver- \$2,500 and choose two additional benefits
- Gold- \$5,000 and choose four additional benefits
- Platinum- \$10,000 with all benefits included

To take advantage of this unique membership opportunity, complete the [application form](#). You can either e-mail them to [dguerdat@acteonline.org](mailto:dguerdat@acteonline.org) or fax them to 703-683-7424.

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## ACTE Associate Membership

[Join or Renew Membership](#) > ACTE Associate Membership

### *Building the Bridge Between Business, Industry and Education*

*To be successful in today's marketplace, business and industry must be profitable and have a workforce equipped with a full range of job and career skills. **The Association for Career and Technical Education can help your business achieve both these goals. [Join today!](#)***

ACTE works to ensure that career and technical educators have the money they need to teach skills aligned with the 21st-century economy, including purchasing up-to-date equipment, support services and instructional resources. This, combined with the professional development opportunities ACTE offers, ensures that its members are delivering high-quality education that will result in a prepared, well-educated and adaptable workforce—a workforce that will continue to enhance and increase your business. [Learn more about ACTE's resources for businesses here!](#)

*ACTE is looking for business leaders willing to work together to ensure a high-quality workforce and a growing economy. Please make the commitment to [join](#).*

### How Does Career and Technical Education Meet Business and Industry Needs?

Career and technical education (CTE) is the only education delivery method that focuses on hands-on and contextual learning that will give business and industry a qualified and prepared workforce. The [Carl D. Perkins Act](#) sustains funding for CTE programs. Without this funding, many educators would not have access to the resources they need to align education with business and industry standards. A lack of funding translates into fewer students with vital employability skills necessary to enter and succeed in the workforce, which has a direct impact on your business.

- More than 90 percent of respondents in the [2005 Skills Gap Report](#) indicated that they are experiencing a shortage of qualified skilled production employees.
- CTE programs help prepare students for all 20 of the fastest-growing occupations identified in the [U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) and in all 14 job sectors identified by the [Department of Labor's High Growth Job Training Initiative](#).
- According to the [state of Washington](#), for every dollar spent on secondary CTE students, federal and state governments will receive seven dollars back in social security, Medicare and federal and state taxes.

*CTE is crucial to ensuring that students have the necessary skills to compete in today's global economy.*

### Overview of Benefits

#### Advocacy

ACTE works tirelessly with education leaders and policymakers at the national level to ensure policies that affect CTE, including funding, are seen as a necessary part of developing a quality national workforce. Federal legislation for the Perkins program strives to support businesses like yours.

#### In-depth Analysis

Over the last two years, ACTE has produced a number of [Issue Briefs](#) addressing CTE's impact on topics of interest to business and industry, including CTE's role in [energy and environmental sustainability](#) and [dropout prevention](#).

#### Educational Influence

Being a part of ACTE and the CTE community puts you in touch with educators and allows you to begin the

discussion on your workforce needs. Having this direct connection allows you to shape and influence education and training occurring in classrooms across the country.

### **Future Quality Workforce**

Your active participation and support of ACTE and CTE will make a crucial difference at the most basic and critical level—the education of your future workforce. The simple fact is that CTE will keep U.S. business and industry competitive.

### **Industry Advisory Council**

An open group of business and industry representatives whose core purpose is to facilitate a dialogue between the business and CTE communities to foster the growth of an educated, prepared, adaptable and competitive workforce.

*There really is no price that can quantify these benefits, which makes it essential that you join and participate.*

### **Return on Your Investment**

Business and industry focus on the ROI no matter how large or small the investment. For an annual fee of \$1,200, your business will receive:

- opportunities to interact with schools and educators training your future workforce
- a national platform to launch new strategies and initiatives
- the opportunity to re-shape society's view of work and jobs in the 21st century
- direct communication with CTE school and college administrators to promote industry skill standards
- a network of other organizations that share common concerns and staffing needs
- information you need to make essential and effective business decisions

To take advantage of this unique membership opportunity, complete the [application and roster form](#). You can either e-mail them to [Doris Guerdat](#) or fax them to 703-683-7424.

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## About ACTE

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*The Association for Career and Technical Education is the largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers. This area offers information about the history, mission and structure of ACTE, as well as details on our annual awards program.*

## WHO WE ARE

### What is the Association for Career and Technical Education?

Founded in 1926, the Association for Career and Technical Education is the largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers.

### What is ACTE's core purpose?

To provide leadership in developing an educated, prepared, adaptable and competitive workforce.

### Who does ACTE represent?

The strength of ACTE is reflected in its diverse membership composed of more than 27,000 career and technical educators, administrators, researchers, guidance counselors and others involved in planning and conducting career and technical education programs at the secondary, postsecondary and adult levels.

### What does ACTE do?

ACTE is committed to enhancing the job performance and satisfaction of its members; to increasing public awareness and appreciation for career and technical programs; and to assuring growth in local, state and federal funding for these programs by communicating and working with legislators and government leaders.

### ACTE Leadership

ACTE's leadership is a volunteer Board of Directors elected by the members of the Association in an annual election. Board officers include the president, president-elect and past-president. Board Directors are one representative from each of ACTE's Divisions and Regions. The executive director is an ex-officio member of the Board. Standing committees are appointed by the Board.

## ACTE Executive Committee

### President-Elect

Doug Major  
Meridian Technology Center

### President

Karen Mason  
East Newton High School

### Past President

Jim Comer  
Francis Tuttle Technology Center

### Divisional Representative

Luke Steinke  
Eastern Illinois University

### Regional Representative

Dave Bunting  
Kirkwood Community College,  
Retired

### Finance Chair

Leslie Watkins  
Retired

## Guiding Principles

[About ACTE](#) > [ACTE History](#) > Guiding Principles

*ACTE believes strongly in the integrity of its mission and work. To that end, ACTE adheres to a strict code of ethics and stands firmly by its bylaws. For a better understanding of ACTE's goals, please read through the Association's strategic priorities.*

### Core Purpose

To provide leadership in developing an educated, prepared, adaptable and competitive workforce.

### Core Values

*Advocacy*—ACTE believes that the field of career and technical education needs a strong voice at the local, state and national levels to support its importance to learners and to promote public awareness of that value to a competitive economy.

*Diversity*—ACTE seeks and values diversity among its members and the students its members serve.

*Lifelong Learning*—ACTE embraces the concept of lifelong learning and recognizes its importance to remaining competitive in a constantly changing environment.

*Collaboration*—ACTE understands that it cannot accomplish its purpose without the strong support and partnership of other individuals and groups who share its vision.

*Accountability*—ACTE supports the concept of accountability and encourages members and their organizations to develop means to demonstrate their active contributions to the nation's learners.

*Service*—ACTE encourages the individual commitment of its members to the organization and the profession of Career and Technical Education.

## ACTE Member Service Standards

You will always be treated with courtesy and can expect the following standards of member service when interacting with ACTE staff. We welcome your comments on the quality of the service we provide and on our performance as compared to these standards.

### Staff Response to ACTE Member Requests

All members contacting ACTE will be met with an informed and courteous staff and can expect response to their requests as follows: Information readily available will be provided immediately; if the information is not available, the member will be apprised of the status of their request and when to expect the information.

### Telephone Inquiries to ACTE

General inquiries should be referred to ACTE Headquarters. The telephone number is 800-826-9972. ACTE will respond to such inquiries during regular business hours of 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (EDT). If staff is unable to fully respond to an inquiry, an estimate of time based on the complexity of the inquiry will be established.

### Internet Access to ACTE

The ACTE Web site will have a clear and consistent user interface that provides straightforward, timely access to ACTE information.

**E-Mail: General and Status Inquiries**

General e-mail should be sent to [acte@acteonline.org](mailto:acte@acteonline.org). ACTE staff will respond in a timely manner.

**Lack of Response**

If, for any reason, you do not receive a timely response to your inquiry, please feel free to contact ACTE Chief Financial and Operations Officer [LeAnn Wilson](#) with as much detail as possible.

**Membership**

Membership in any category shall begin with receipt of dues at the ACTE office and extend for one year (12 months).

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## ACTE Strategic Priorities

[About ACTE](#) > [ACTE History](#) > [Guiding Principles](#) > ACTE Strategic Priorities

### *Strategic Priorities*

**Priority: By June 2011, ACTE will be recognized as the source for data on the effectiveness of CTE.**

#### Outcomes:

- ACTE state associations and educational institutions will be active participants in the collection, analysis and dissemination of data on CTE effectiveness within the context of education reform.
  - Business and industry will utilize ACTE data for workforce-issue decisions.
  - National and state policymakers and education policy organizations will utilize data available from ACTE for education and workforce development discussions.
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**Priority: By June 2011, career and technical education and CTE educators will be positively recognized and valued by the general public.**

#### Outcomes:

- The number of career and technical education programs available at the secondary level will increase by 10 percent.
  - The number of students in CTE teacher-education majors will increase by 10 percent.
  - The number of positive CTE articles in the media will increase by 25 percent.
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**Priority: By June 2011, ACTE will have in place a comprehensive leadership-development program to ensure a diversified cadre of volunteers aligned with the brand and strategic direction of ACTE.**

#### Outcomes:

- ACTE will have a large leadership cadre at both the national and state levels knowledgeable in both Association practices and emerging issues in career and technical education.
  - There will be at least three nominations for every Board and officer position.
  - The majority of state associations will have leaders that have participated in the ACTE leadership-development program.
  - All committee member positions will be filled and by qualified individuals.
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**Priority: By June 2011, ACTE and the affiliated state associations will have in place programs and policies that will enhance their respective effectiveness and increase the value of membership.**

#### Outcomes:

- The ACTE membership database will be utilized by the majority of state associations.
  - Sixty percent of members from non-unified state associations will also belong to ACTE.
  - State associations will be actively engaged in leadership-development opportunities.
  - State associations participation will result in positive perception survey results.
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**Priority: By June 2012, ACTE will be positioned as a clearinghouse of information, resources and tools focused on excellence in CTE.**

Outcomes:

- All programs and resources communicated by ACTE are evaluated using recognized criteria.
- ACTE's professional development program is focused on evaluated best practices and engages the affiliated organizations.
- Policymakers utilize and reference the ACTE clearinghouse in deliberations and decisions.
- Access to and utilization of the ACTE clearinghouse increases by 30 percent.

## CTE Information

[National ACTE Excellence Awards](#) > [ACTE Partners](#) > [Join or Renew Membership](#) > CTE Information

*What is career and technical education? CTE has a long and rich history in the United States. Today's CTE has evolved from a limited number of vocational programs available at the turn of the 20th century into a broad system that encompasses a variety of challenging fields in diverse subject areas that are constantly evolving due to the changing global economy.*

Today's CTE provides students:

- academic subject matter taught with relevance to the real world
- employability skills, from job-related skills to workplace ethics
- career pathways that link secondary and postsecondary education
- second-chance education and training
- education for additional training and degrees, especially related to workplace training, skills upgrades and career advancement

Each state administers CTE in a different manner and ACTE has produced a set of [CTE State Profiles](#) to provide clarity and context to these multifaceted and diverse systems. In many cases, state and local CTE programs are “leading the way” with regard to important public policy issues such as high school reform and secondary-postsecondary transition.

Also, consider the important work of [career and technical student organizations](#), which are organizations that reinforce CTE instruction through co-curricular activities that prepare young people to become productive citizens and leaders.

ACTE collects data and research that supports better understanding of today's CTE systems, programs and services, and highlights the potential that CTE provides students related to technical skills, academic achievement and career guidance. View the [CTE Research Clearinghouse](#) to identify current research information across a range of topics from journals, studies and articles, or use our [Fact Sheets](#) for citations and quotations from sources supporting the value of CTE.

ACTE is the dissemination arm of the [National Research Center for CTE](#) and will continue to update information and promote the best practices in CTE as it continues to evolve.

For additional information, view ACTE's [links](#) to additional CTE-related information from other organizations and websites.