

CTE DIRECTIONS

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Message

Across the country politicians, business and industry leaders, and educators are asking if you are “college and career ready”. But, what does “college and career ready” really mean? The Utah State Board of Education and the Utah State Board of Regents believe all students should have education and career goals that will prepare them to experience fulfilling lives, actively participate as educated citizens, and thrive in a particularly competitive and global marketplace. A college and career ready student is prepared to succeed in college and in postsecondary workforce training programs. Read the [College and Career Readiness Recommendations to High School Students](#) and *get started!*

According to the U.S. Department of Education, about 75 percent of students who start public high school graduate within four or five years. However, more than 90 percent of students who concentrate in career-oriented courses graduate on time. Through participation in a CTE Pathway you will not only be prepared for life after high school, but you will be college and career ready. Secondary CTE Pathways are linked to postsecondary certificate and/or degree programs through articulation agreements with colleges and universities. Talk with your school counselor to learn about concurrent enrollment opportunities.

CTE Pathways provide you with the opportunity to plan, prepare, and be ready for life after high school. Study hard, stay in school, and complete a CTE Pathway and you will be prepared to succeed in college and a career. We wish you a successful school year.



Career Highlight – Nursing Jobs in Nursing Homes



The growing number of older citizens is expected to result in an increased need for workers in nursing care facilities, especially nursing staff. Having experience in working with older people is an advantage for staff who work directly with nursing home residents. Nursing occupations usually require certification or state licensure. Here are some “fast facts” for the three nursing occupations employed by nursing care facilities (national data): Full details from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS): <http://www.bls.gov/opub/oog/2011/spring/art03.pdf>

| Occupation | Outlook | In nursing care facilities |
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| Nursing Aides, orderlies, & attendants – assist residents with daily activities, including feeding, bathing and dressing. | Job outlook is excellent – growing faster than average | Median annual wage for this occupation is \$23,380 |
| Licensed Practical Nurses – tend to residents’ health under direction of registered nurses and physicians. | Much faster than average growth through 2018. | Median annual wage is \$41,310. |
| Nurse Assessment Coordinators (usually Registered Nurses) – review medical records and evaluate patients’ physical and emotional well-being. | No BLS projections data specific to this occupation. | Median annual wage for Registered Nurses is \$57,830. |

YouTube – <http://www.youtube.com/UtahCTE>

Did you know that 2 billion videos are watched on YouTube a day? Every minute, 24 hours of video is uploaded to YouTube. That is equivalent to 150,000 full-length videos. In fact, the average Internet user spends about 15 minutes every day on YouTube.

How many videos have you watched on the UtahCTE YouTube channel? If you haven’t watched any videos or have just watched a few, [see](#) what you’re missing. If YouTube is blocked at your school you can access all of the videos via the [publications/resources](#) page on UtahCTE.org.

Do you have a video showing you and your classmates working in a CTE Pathway? If you do, please share. We will upload your video to the UtahCTE YouTube channel for everyone to watch. Email your video(s) to utahcte@schools.utah.gov.



Student Highlight – Kaydee Walters



Congratulations to Kaydee Walters, a recent graduate from Tooele High School, on being the gold medal winner in cabinetmaking at the [National Skills and Leadership Conference for SkillsUSA](#) in Kansas City. She was the first female, ever, to win this competition. Through participation in CTE Kaydee learned and mastered the specialized skills that will lead her to a successful career in manufacturing. “My CTE classes in high school prepared me in many ways. Such as teaching me the knowledge I needed to know about woodworking, learning about all the tools and machines and how to use them, and how to create and read plans.”

[Read more](#) about Kaydee and learn how she became college and career ready. “[CTE] classes, my participation and leadership in SkillsUSA, and all the classes I will be taking in college will help me to enter and succeed in cabinetmaking and architectural woodwork.”

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Now you can access your Student Education Occupation Plan (SEOP) on your mobile phone, search for colleges and apply for financial aid. Download the free [UtahFutures.org App](#), today! *The best way to predict the future is to plan for it.*™



UtahCTE.org Wants to Hear from YOU!

There is still time to submit your summer job story to UtahCTE@schools.utah.gov. Tell UtahCTE how you found your summer job? Where you worked? What your responsibilities were? What you learned? Through September 5, selected submissions will appear as part of a blog featured on UtahCTE.org. A \$10 Subway gift card will be given to each student whose submission is chosen. [Get started!](#)

Calendar

August 15-29: First Day of School. [View](#) the Utah State Office of Education 2011-12 school calendar, by school district.

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