

CTE Vocabulary to Know

CTE – Career and Technical Education

CTE Program – an approved sequence of career and technical education courses that lead to a career goal. There are 16 approved CTE Programs for SC.

1. *Agricultural Education*
2. *Architecture and Construction*
3. *Arts, AV Technology and Communications*
4. *Business Management and Administration*
5. *Education and Training Careers*
6. *Finance*
7. *Government and Public Administration*
8. *Health Science Education*
9. *Hospitality and Tourism*
10. *Human Services*
11. *Information Technology*
12. *Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security*
13. *Manufacturing*
14. *Marketing*
15. *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*
16. *Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics*

CTE Major – a specific sub-program of one of the 16 state approved program with specific courses leading to a career goal.

Example:

CTE Program = *Business Management and Administration* / CTE Major – *General Management*

Concentrator – a student who has completed at least two identified courses in a state recognized major/ program of study.

Completer – a concentrator who has earned ALL of the required units in a state recognized CTE program.

Work-based Learning – an experience for students which blends core academic coursework, career and technology education curriculum, electives, and hands-on activities that prepare students for both specific and a broad range of knowledge, technical, and soft skills which is not possible to replicate in a traditional school setting. Work-based learning experiences are aligned with the 16 approved CTE Programs in South Carolina.

Work-based Learning Categories –

1. *Apprenticeship*
2. *Cooperative Learning (Co-Op)*
3. *Internship*
4. *Job Shadowing (On-site)*

5. *Job Shadowing (Virtual)*
6. *Mentoring*
7. *School-based Enterprise*
8. *Service Learning*
9. *Structured Field Study*
10. *CTE Internship, Work-based Credit Bearing Course*

[*Click HERE for a detailed description of each WBL experience*](#)

Career Ready – The goal of CTE is to prepare students for their career and this is measured by the distinction of “Career Ready”.

Students can qualify as career ready by achieving on of the following indicators:

1. Earns a Silver, Gold, or Platinum national career readiness certificate on the WIN Ready to Work Career Assessment
2. Earns a Scale score of 31 or higher on the ASVAB
3. Completion of a SC approved career ready work-based learning experience and must have **ALL OF** the following criteria met and verified by the school:
 - a. A minimum of 40 practical experience hours or the highest number of hours required by the industry-defined competencies and is included in a unit of credit in the career pathway related to the work-based placement.
 - b. WBL placement is aligned to the career pathway in the student’s IGP
 - c. A mutually developed training agreement outlining the skills and objectives to be mastered during the WBL qualifying placement
 - d. Includes a positive performance evaluation that is created from the training agreement as defined by a score of 3 or higher on a scale of 1 – 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest.

Extended Learning (ELO) – Extended Learning Opportunities are like work-based learning experiences but are not considered WBL. They are considered a career guidance structured activity providing career awareness, exploration, or career guidance.

- *Business/Industry Classroom Speaker*
- *Career Day*
- *Career Fair*
- *Job Fair*
- *Career Classroom Guidance Lesson*
- *Career Guidance Workshop*
- *Computer-Assisted Career Guidance Systems used to explore careers (SCOIS, Career Aisle, Carolina Careers, etc.)*