

# CTE LINKAGES TO POST-SECONDARY

Based on Federal and  
California laws and plans

# Statewide Career Pathways

“In July 2005, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges was funded to develop Statewide Career Pathways, a project aimed at creating school to college articulation in CTE. ...this project specifically intends to increase the number, efficiency, and transportability of articulation agreements among high schools, ROCPs, adult schools, and community colleges.”

# Tech Prep

Tech Prep programs link high school and two-year college programs in specific technical fields and occupational areas.

They are “planned sequences of study in technical fields or pathways beginning as early as grade 9 and linked to two or more years of postsecondary education or through an apprenticeship program of at least two years following secondary instruction. The sequence culminates in an associate degree or a certificate.”

# Tech Prep

Combining at least two years of high school CTE and academics with two years of postsecondary education, Tech Prep programs are designed to provide maximum preparation for higher-wage employment or continued education.

# Tech Prep Consortia

Offer technical assistance, professional development, curriculum support, and other resources to schools and colleges in their areas.

Cover core strategies of secondary-postsecondary articulation, curriculum integration, work-based learning, inclusion of special populations, and outcomes-based assessments

# Middle College High Schools

The “middle college high school” model enables high-potential students at risk of academic failure to complete high school while concurrently receiving direct access to college courses and services.

High school students attend classes at a community college and earn credit toward a high school diploma while having the opportunity to concurrently take college courses and receive more intensive counseling and administrative attention.

# Cal-PASS Professional Learning Councils

Cal-PASS Councils are regional teams of discipline-based faculty from elementary, middle school, high school, adult school, community college, and university segments. Participants collaborate to discuss curriculum, exemplary teaching practices, instructional materials, and performance measures that are shared and reviewed in light of transition data.

When faculty members understand the barriers to successful student transition, solutions to these barriers are proposed and implemented, leading to a more seamless curriculum and improved instructional strategies.

# Apprenticeship

- Apprenticeship is an on-the-job training and education delivery system that prepares individuals for employment opportunities in a wide variety of craft and trade professions. There are over 800 “apprenticeable” occupations in California.
- The Division of Apprenticeship Standards within the California Department of Industrial Relations administers California apprenticeship law and enforces apprenticeship standards for wages, hours, working conditions, and the specific skills required for state “journey person” certification.
- Apprenticeship instruction is also offered through the California Community Colleges.