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Charlotte Technical College Celebrates CTE Month®
*Career and technical education can address workforce needs,
especially amid the current disruption*



The month of February is widely recognized as Career and Technical Education Month® by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) as an opportunity to celebrate the value, achievements and accomplishments of programs across the country.

Charlotte Technical College, along with the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and its 28 Florida College System institutions and 48 technical colleges, will celebrate by sharing the stories of their students who have successfully graduated from CTE programs into rewarding careers.

“Our mission at Charlotte Technical College is to provide an effective, innovative technical education preparing student to enter, advance and succeed in the workplace. Charlotte Technical College recognizes the regional workforce demand and provides students the necessary skills to fill the employment skills gap within the economy. Students can complete a “Career in a Year” program track with little to no student debt and have endless job opportunities upon graduation.” (DeeLynn Bennett)

In September, FDOE launched its workforce education initiative *Get There*, aimed at raising awareness of short-term career and technical education programs and highlighting \$35 million in funding made available to state and technical colleges in the form of rapid credentialing grants. These grants were designed to increase Florida's capacity to enroll and graduate students quickly, to aid in accelerated recovery for residents and the economy.

“CTE Month provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the great work of our school districts and state colleges as they educate and help to prepare the future of Florida’s workforce,” said Henry Mack, Chancellor for Career, Technical and Adult Education. “With the pandemic impacting the lives of many residents, there is no better time to highlight how CTE can make a difference. CTE is equal parts engaging, exciting and transformative, and leads to better academic and employment outcomes.”

The current disruption has propelled the demand for CTE programs as many Floridians seeking reemployment are looking for opportunities to match their current skill sets to demand from employers. While the pandemic sparked a renewed focus on the importance of CTE, there are also opportunities to reach beyond those impacted and educate all Floridians about educational offerings available in the state.

“With CTE, there is something and somewhere for every Floridian,” shared Kathy Hebda, Chancellor of the Florida College System. “No matter age, ethnicity, educational background or employment and financial circumstance, we are committed to each student’s success and future, all while ensuring a talented workforce for our great state.”

At **Charlotte Technical College** students can enroll in an in demand, workforce program, gain a credential quickly and affordably move quickly, and gain critical skills needed in **Workforce Region 24**, essential and emerging industries.

Programs include:

- Automotive
- Aviation Maintenance Technician
- Baking and Pastry
- Building Construction Technologies
- Computer Systems Information Technologies
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Cyber Security
- Dental Assisting
- Early Childhood Education
- EMT/Firefighting Combined
- HVAC
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Network Support Systems
- Paramedic
- Technology Support Systems

Floridians can learn more about CTE and workforce training programs available locally at <https://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/ctc>.

