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## **FL Career & Technical Education Can Be Misunderstood. Here's the Explainer.**

*~FCAN's new resource offers insight on how CTE programs work, how they connect to postsecondary degrees, and offers recommendations for strengthening career-centered pathways~*

Today, the Florida College Access Network (FCAN) released a brief focused on explaining Career and Technical Education or CTE. The report, *Understanding Career and Technical Education (CTE)*, clarifies the structure of CTE pathways in Florida and how students can utilize existing tools to further their education.

CTE programs at Florida public high schools serve over 355,000 students, according to the most recent data available. Students in CTE programs explore careers and gain skills that can lead to a license or certificate, degree, or other credentials associated with the workforce needs of the state. As Florida's expansion of CTE continues, FCAN's brief covers common questions on CTE, student enrollment data, and connected pathway opportunities. The brief also highlights a model and best practice out of Central Florida, and offers recommendations for improving CTE in Florida.

"This report serves as a resource for communities and leaders engaged in designing collaborative initiatives aimed at improving Florida's talent pool," said Braulio Colón, Executive Director for Florida College Access Network. "FCAN is pleased to produce it, and we hope it helps clarify what CTE is in Florida and the valuable option it can provide students seeking education beyond high school."

According to the report, to help accomplish Florida's Sail to 60 initiative, a goal for 60% of working-age Floridians to hold a postsecondary degree, credential, or training experience by 2030, student access to high-quality CTE programs play a critical role. For more information on CTE in Florida, [download the FCAN brief](#) and visit [FCAN's Research and Data page](#) to access other FCAN resources.

### **About Florida College Access Network**

Florida College Access Network (FCAN) is Florida's collaborative network committed to ensuring all Floridians have the opportunity to achieve an education beyond high school and prosper in Florida's dynamic economy. We envision a Florida working together where education is the pathway to economic mobility for all. For more information, visit [floridacollegeaccess.org](http://floridacollegeaccess.org).

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