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## What We're Reading

[Growing Number of States Embrace Career Education](#), Education Week

[What We Know About Career and Technical Education in High School](#), Brookings

[Schools Promote Career-Tech](#), District Administration

[More Michigan Students Enrolled in Career-Tech Ed](#), The Detroit News



## New Report Explores Data on Industry Certifications

Postsecondary credentials outside of the traditional higher education realm, including industry certifications, are growing increasingly relevant in discussions around the skills gap and employer needs. However, the rapid growth of industry certifications has left many questions unanswered. In order to learn how industry certification impacts student education and workforce outcomes, ACTE's [Certification Data Exchange Project](#) has tested data-

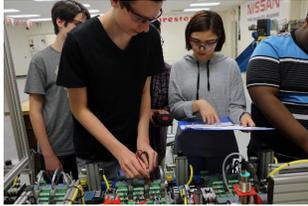
sharing processes between state education and workforce data systems and industry certifiers, created standardized tools and processes, and raised awareness about the importance of industry certification data.

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## CTE and Energy

The Department of Labor released its list of fastest-growing occupations, the top two of which are in the CTE energy field. Solar photovoltaic installers and wind turbine service technicians are expected to grow by 105.3% and 96.1%, respectively, between 2016-2026. Learn more about the connection between CTE and the Energy sector.

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## CTE Program Spotlight

The Jones County Junior College Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) program in rural Mississippi trains EMTs and paramedics to become knowledgeable health care providers through strong relationships with secondary

education schools and industry, which ensures a seamless pathway across systems. Located in a rural community, the program is critical to providing pipeline of qualified health care professionals, and has emerged as one of the top programs in the south, boasting a 90 percent first-time pass rate on the National Registry of EMTs, compared to a national average of 60 percent.

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## CTE in Rural Communities

Advance CTE has released two briefs detailing how states are improving access to and quality of CTE programs of study. The [first](#) examines the challenge of leveraging labor market information and catalyzing local partnerships to ensure program quality in rural settings, while the [second](#) tackles how rural communities are providing students with exposure to authentic work-based learning opportunities.



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