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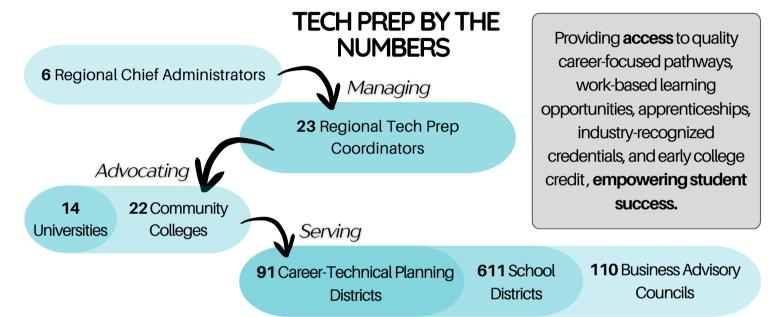
Building Quality Career Pathways

FACT SHEET 2025

Since 1991, Ohio Tech Prep Regional Centers have been serving as the liaison to Ohio's career-technical planning districts, community colleges, and universities to ensure high-quality career-technical education programs for students. The Regional Centers work with their education partners to increase student access to quality career-technical education pathways that provide opportunities to **earn college credit while in high school.**



The Tech Prep Regional Centers are jointly managed by the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) and the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce (ODEW)- Office of Career-Technical Education.

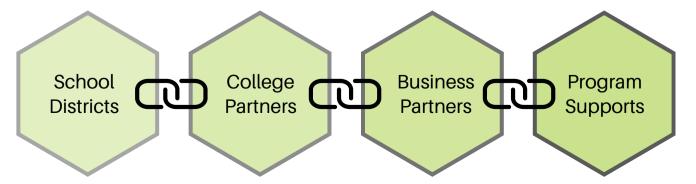


Tech Prep facilitates and hosts regional and statewide professional learning as requested by ODEW, ODHE, and other regional stakeholders.

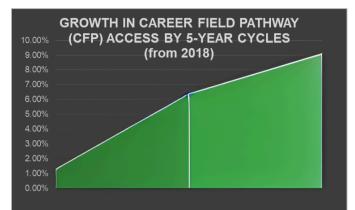
GOAL 1: Build and foster relationships between education, business, and community partners in the region.

GOAL 2: Assist education partners in the region in developing high-quality career-technical education pathways and programs of study.

GOAL 3: Provide universal technical assistance to partners in the region on related career-education topics.



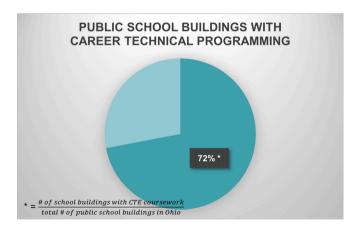
Building Ohio's Future Workforce Ohio College Tech Prep collaborates with schools, employers, and colleges to ensure high-quality career-technical education, preparing students for in-demand careers and strengthening Ohio's economy.



Growth in amount of career-technical program applications approved annually.

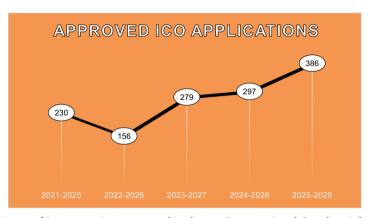
INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

Introduced in 2021, these credentials **offer students a work-ready option** upon graduating high school. All applications for these credentials are reviewed and approved through the Tech Prep process, ensuring quality and alignment with industry standards.



GROWTH

Tech Prep creates **pathways** between secondary and postsecondary institutions, to provide college credit opportunities that save students time and money, eliminating redundant coursework, and enhancing postsecondary retention and completion.



Annual increase in approved Industry Recognized Credential
Applications.

IMPACT

Ohio school districts can implement career-technical course work through their local Career-Technical Planning Districts. Ohio College Tech Prep's collaborative efforts ensure impactful and effective career-technical education statewide, serving the 72% of public high school buildings executing Career-Technical Education.

ENGAGEMENT

Forming intentional links and relationships to benefit and enhance career-technical programs statewide.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCILS

Tech Prep empowers Business Advisory Councils to apply for the prestigious **Business-Education Leader Awards for Excellence**—celebrating impactful collaboration between education and industry.

Driving Results:

Since Tech Prep's involvement, the number of awardees has **grown by**over 53%, rising from 26 in 2023 to 40 in 2024. This impressive growth highlights the program's effectiveness in fostering excellence and expanding opportunities.