Postsecondary Student Definition and Measurement Approaches
for the Core Indicators of Performance Under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical
Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV)
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Student Definitions

CTE Participant: A postsecondary/adult student who has completed at least 10% of state-approved standards (academic or career/technical) in any CTE program area.

CTE Concentrator: A postsecondary/adult student who: (1) completes 50% of state approved standards (academic or career/technical) in any CTE program area, plus is enrolled in credits or other activities to meet the additional standards; OR completes a short-term CTE program sequence of less than 12 credit units that terminates in an industry-recognized credential, a certificate or a degree.

Measurement Approaches

1P1: Technical Skill Attainment

Numerator: Number of CTE concentrators who passed technical skill assessments that are aligned with industry-recognized standards, if available and appropriate, during the reporting year.

Denominator: Number of CTE concentrators who took technical skill assessments during the reporting year.

2P1: Credential, Certificate, or Diploma

Numerator: Number of CTE concentrators who received an industry-recognized credential, a certificate or a degree during the reporting year.

Denominator: Number of CTE concentrators who left postsecondary education during the reporting year.
3P1: **Student Retention or Transfer**

**Numerator:** Number of CTE concentrators who remained enrolled in their original postsecondary institution or transferred to another 2- or 4-year postsecondary institution during the reporting year and who were enrolled in postsecondary education in the fall of the previous reporting year.

**Denominator:** Number of CTE concentrators who were enrolled in postsecondary education in the fall of the previous reporting year and who did not earn an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or a degree in the previous reporting year.

4P1: **Student Placement**

**Numerator:** Number of CTE concentrators who were placed or retained in employment or placed in military service or apprenticeship programs in the 2nd quarter following the program year in which they left postsecondary education (i.e., unduplicated placement status for CTE concentrators who graduated by June 30, 2007 would be assessed between October 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007).

**Denominator:** Number of CTE concentrators who left postsecondary education during the reporting year.

5P1: **Nontraditional Participation**

**Numerator:** Number of CTE participants from underrepresented gender groups who participated in a program that leads to employment in nontraditional fields during the reporting year.

**Denominator:** Number of CTE participants who participated in a program that leads to employment in nontraditional fields during the reporting year.

5P2: **Nontraditional Completion**

**Numerator:** Number of CTE concentrators from underrepresented gender groups who completed a program that leads to employment in nontraditional fields during the reporting year.

**Denominator:** Number of CTE concentrators who completed a program that leads to employment in nontraditional fields during the reporting year.