Missouri career education is preparing young people and adults for the job market and/or further education. It combines academics and job-specific skill training to assist in narrowing the skills gap.

CTE programs are offered in
- Agriculture
- Business
- Health Sciences
- Family Consumer Sciences and Human Services
- Marketing
- Skilled Technical Sciences
- Technology and Engineering

Missouri’s delivery system consists of
- 57 area career centers
- 444 comprehensive high schools
- State Technical College of Missouri
- 12 community college districts
- Seven four-year institutions
- Two state agencies - Department of Corrections and Department of Social Services

Of all high school students in Missouri, 65 percent took at least one career education course or program.

In Missouri, 8,767 high school students received an industry-recognized certificate or credential.

A recent follow-up of 2017 secondary graduates of career education programs show that 95 percent are employed, continuing education or serving in the military, and 66.1 percent are in the area related to their career education program of study.

For postsecondary graduates, 96.7 percent are employed, continuing education or serving in the military, and 80.4 percent are in the area related to their career education program of study.

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are integrated into CTE programs and courses. They extend teaching and learning through innovative programs, business and community partnerships, and leadership experiences at local, state, and national levels. Overall membership in Missouri CTSOs is at an all-time high.

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Total Participation
- Secondary 180,600
- Postsecondary 60,950
- Adult (full time) 1,848

Secondary Participation
- Female 88,309
- Male 92,291

Postsecondary Participation
- Female 34,763
- Male 26,187

Adult Participation
- Female 1,410
- Male 438