



STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S CAREER-READY COMMISSION

Career and Technical Education

College Tech Prep

Definition/Purpose

College Tech Prep enables high school students to earn college credits and gain work-based learning experiences. This puts the student on a career pathway towards postsecondary education integrating strong academic and technical instruction for high skill, high wage, and high demand occupations. College Tech Prep includes an articulation agreement between the local education agency (LEA) and local community college to ensure a seamless transition from high school to postsecondary education without duplicating or repeating efforts.

Program of Study

A College Tech Prep program consists of a program of study that

- Combines two years of secondary education with a minimum of two years of postsecondary education.
 - Integrates academic and Career and Technical Education instruction
 - Provides technical preparation in a career field, including high skill, high wage, or high demand occupations.
 - Builds student competence in technical skills and in core subjects.
 - Leads to technical skill proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or a degree, in a specific career field.
 - Leads to placement in high skill or high wage employment, or to further education.
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College Tech Prep Grants

A College Tech Prep consortium, consisting of a community college and partnering LEAs, can apply to the state for a Tech Prep grant to fund their local College Tech Prep program. These grants are described in sections 201 through 206 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

Grant Funding

Thirty-one College Tech Prep consortia received grant funding in 2008-2010. This included 46 LEAs and 28 community colleges. Some community colleges partner with multiple LEAs in their service area.

The grants ranged from a low of \$50,000/year for a small consortium, to a high of \$197,000/year for the largest consortium. The grant funding totaled \$2,699,400 for each of two years. Two-thirds of the funds go to the LEAs, and one-third of the funds go to the community colleges.

Grant Evaluation

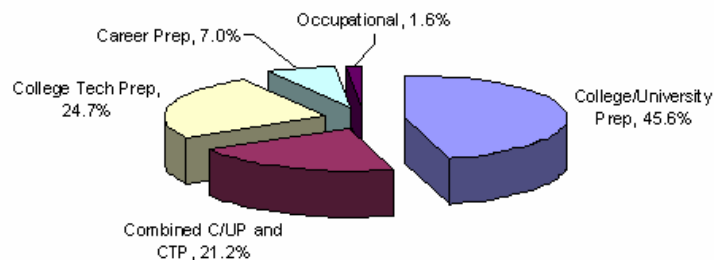
Evaluations throughout the year are conducted to ensure that the consortia are fulfilling their grant requirements and to see if the College Tech Prep program is making an academic difference for the students.

**2007-2008 NC Graduates
Course of Study**

Of North Carolina's 82,294 2008 high school graduates, at least 52.9 percent completed a technical sequence of four CTE courses.

- 21.2 percent completed the requirements to be both College Tech Prep (CTP) and College/University Prep (C/UP)
- 24.7 percent completed the requirements to be College Tech Prep alone
- 7.0 percent completed Career Prep graduation requirements.

This is compared to 45.6 percent of the Class of 2008 that completed the requirements for College/University Prep alone.



Online Conference

Selected high school College Tech Prep programs

www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/Tech_Prep/Conference/

Leadership

Leadership for College Tech Prep in North Carolina is a joint effort between the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina Community College System.

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