

University of Alaska Career Pathways Framework

CAREER PATHWAYS DEFINED BY PERKINS V, HEA, & WIOA

Career pathways are a combination of rigorous and high-quality education, training, and other services that:

- Align with the skill needs of industries in a state or regional economy

- Prepare an individual to be successful in a full range of secondary or postsecondary education, including

 - Registered Apprenticeships

 - Include counselling to help individuals achieve their education and career goals

 - Include, as appropriate, education offered concurrently with and in the same context as workforce education

Help an individual enter into or advance within a specific occupation or occupational cluster

POTENTIAL STUDENT BENEFITS:

- Increased high school graduation

- Elevated college/career readiness and preparation

- Heightened college enrollment

- Smoother secondary to postsecondary transitions

- Improved college persistence

- Shortened time to degree or credential completion

- More intentional goal setting and career exploration

- Reduced debt upon college graduation

- Expanded and diversified skilled Alaska labor pool

COMPONENTS OF BUILDING ROBUST PATHWAYS:

CTE Programs of Study - Employers, educators, and advisory committees collaborate on CTE programs of study and pathways by:

- Agreeing on the model to be developed, identifying outcomes, and selecting and resourcing priorities

- Coming together for curriculum development

- Identifying other stakeholders to engage in student support activities

- Developing articulation agreements

DEFINITION OF CAREER & TECHNICAL PROGRAMS OF STUDY:

The Perkins V definition of CTE programs of study (CTEPS) is a coordinated, non-duplicative sequence of academic and technical content at the secondary and postsecondary level that:

- Incorporates challenging state academic standards

- Addresses both academic and technical knowledge and skills, including employability skills

- Aligns with the needs of industries in the state, regional, tribal community, or local area