

Hitting All the Areas of High Quality CTE Pathways: The Career Academy Model

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Career academies are designed to prepare students for postsecondary education and careers. They are schools within schools that link students with peers, teachers, and community partners in a structured environment that fosters academic success. The career academy concept has four key elements:

- **A small learning community (SLC)**
- **A college-prep sequential curriculum with a career theme (CTE)**
 - Combined academic and vocational curriculum
 - Assignments bridge different classes (e.g., physics and engineering, or biology and health occupations, etc.)
 - Graduates are prepared for both college and employment
 - Each academy has a theme (e.g., health science, business, engineering, media arts, etc.)
 - Students are NOT limited to remaining in that sector for college or future employment
- **An advisory board that forges partnerships with employers, higher education institutions, and the broader community.**
 - Certification and/or college credit opportunities
 - Employers assist with WBL placement
 - Employers donate time and other resources
- **A sequenced, comprehensive work-based learning component**
 - Employer partners and work-based learning
 - Student experience in workplaces connects theory and application
 - Sequence starts with short visits, leading to internship

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