

# Why you should **TEACH CTE!**

**Career and technical education (CTE)** teachers prepare students for careers across a wide range of industries and occupations, imparting academic, technical and employability skills and ensuring students' lifelong success. A career as a CTE teacher can help you meet your personal and professional goals and:

- 1 Make a difference in your community.**  
CTE educators develop the next generation of highly skilled professionals, leaders and innovators for critical jobs and industries, sparking economic growth and impacting the lives of countless individuals, families and communities in a meaningful, lasting way.
- 2 Teach what you love to do.**  
CTE educators take their passions and expertise and turn them into a career - they can spend their days teaching learners about the careers and industries they love.
- 3 Prepare students for the real world.**  
CTE educators help learners prepare for lifelong success by teaching real-world skills like problem solving, time management and communications skills, as well as the technical skills students need for high-quality jobs.
- 4 Motivate and engage students.**  
CTE educators motivate students about learning with hands-on projects that tackle real-world challenges and use high-tech tools, from 3D printers to virtual and augmented reality simulations to mobile labs.
- 5 Benefit from work-life balance.**  
CTE educators have a work schedule that allows for time off during holidays and over the summer, making teaching a great career for aligning with your family's schedule.
- 6 Earn good pay and benefit packages.**  
CTE educators can make more than \$60,000 per year on average, and up to nearly \$100,000, depending on years of experience, background and local salary scale, and earn benefits like health care and retirement savings.
- 7 Experience job security.**  
There is a significant shortage of CTE educators across the country, and they are in high demand at middle schools, high schools, area technical centers, community and technical colleges, and some four-year universities. With a wide variety of jobs available, CTE educators can choose the location and age group they work with.
- 8 Qualify for financial support.**  
CTE educators are eligible for grants, scholarships and loan forgiveness programs to help them pay for their education. People with industry experience often start in the classroom immediately, getting paid as they grow their teaching skills.
- 9 Enjoy variety.**  
Every day as a CTE teacher is different! CTE educators are empowered to be creative as they engage students, whether in the classroom or lab, touring a worksite, preparing students for competitive events through Career and Technical Student Organizations - the possibilities are endless.
- 10 Be a lifelong learner.**  
CTE educators have access to continuous professional development to build their skills in education and in the career fields and industries they teach. There are also numerous opportunities to move into leadership roles.