

Delaware Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education (DACCTE)
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The Delaware Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education (DACCTE) was established by the General Assembly and Governor to advocate for and monitor Career and Technical Education (CTE) in our State.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) is an essential component of the total educational system in the U.S. and critical to the country's ability to compete in a global economy. It provides students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in occupations and careers. CTE is provided at many levels including middle school, secondary and post-secondary certificates and degrees. It includes the integration of related academics, applied learning and work-based learning and must maintain high standards. CTE must be rigorous, current and respond quickly to changes in schools and the workplace.

The mission of DACCTE is to strengthen and enhance the Career and Technical Education delivery system in Delaware public schools and assist in providing quality programs and expanded opportunities for all residents.

The Council monitors Career and Technical Education programs and services in local school districts and agencies to ensure that these programs and services meet established state and federal standards.

The Council also makes policy recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, Department of Education and State Board of Education on matters pertaining to Career and Technical Education in the State.

DACCTE is an *independent* state agency whose members are *private citizens* appointed by the Governor from business, labor, military and education. Their proactive oversight, advocacy and public voice have resulted in many positive changes on behalf of Career and Technical Education in Delaware. These include the development of significant legislation, policy and innovative programs in CTE.

The need for quality CTE is greater than ever in this challenging economy. We need to ensure that our youth and adults are prepared to succeed in today's workforce.

DACCTE is and will continue to be fiscally conservative in carrying out its duties and responsibilities to improve and expand quality CTE programs and services for students and teachers and the citizens of our State.