

# Introduction to Career & Technical Education

I am excited for the changes that are coming to what was called Career Start and is now going to be called Introduction to Career and Technical Education. We really want to find a good place for the students that come into the CTE programs at the Wilson Talent Center.

One of the ways they can do that is they can learn some of the different skills that are needed to be successful in those CTE programs. Some of the things students will experience in the new introduction to Career technical education program is the research they'll be doing about the specific programs we have here and what that's really going to be like for them.

They'll use my next move on ONET and find out what they need to work on, or what skills they already have that they can use in those programs. Students will have an opportunity to learn a variety of certificates and endorsements.

We really base those on the introduction of those CTE programs here at the Wilson Talent Center. So it might be, if you are thinking of going into culinary, we do the Serve Safe exam.

If you are thinking of going into the trades programs, we're doing more of the OSHA safety kind of examination. This program would really be a good fit for that student who doesn't really know which CTE program they want to go into. You know, some of the programs are at college level, or they might be earning concurrent college credit, so it can be very rigorous. We want to make sure the students have a good, strong math background and the ability to read manuals and understand what they

need to do with them. One of the outcomes students often take away from this program is the working with other students and the customer relationship skills or the peer relationship skills that they're going to need in the CTE programs or in their first job.



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