



The COVID-19 pandemic has presented both challenges and opportunities for career and technical education (CTE). As another academic year draws to a close, the time is right to reflect on lessons learned and how evidence can guide us moving forward.

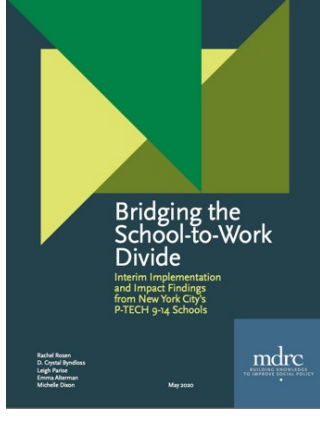
Read on for resources and products from our network, which is working to expand the evidence base on CTE, particularly causal research. We also encourage you to browse [our website](#) for more information.



Final report: CTE programs ready for causal evaluation

After reviewing more than 100 CTE programs nominated by the field, we identified four that are ready for rigorous evaluation. Researchers, don't miss this opportunity! A study of one of the programs has already been funded. IES Grant applications to conduct CTE research will be released soon. Watch [this page](#) for FY22 RFAs. Stay tuned for a follow-up report exploring how the COVID-19 pandemic affected the CTE programs we interviewed as part of our assessment.

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What Works Clearinghouse gives top rating to network team's interim study of NYC P-TECH 9–14 Schools

A What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) review found that MDRC's interim causal study of New York City's P-TECH Grades 9–14 schools meets WWC standards without reservations. Congratulations to the MDRC research team, which is part of our network!

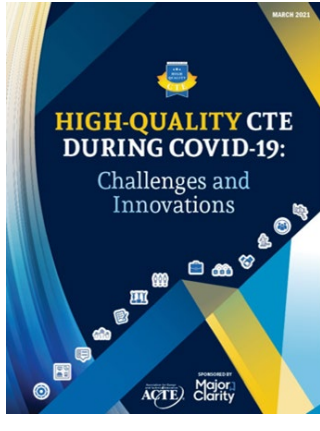
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Building the U.S. workforce of the future: Key challenges and opportunities

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of disruptive shifts had complicated workforce preparation and stability. Experts from the American Institutes for Research, a lead partner in our network, conducted a series of analyses to better understand the challenges facing the U.S. workforce and the path forward.

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High-quality CTE during COVID-19: Challenges and innovations

This guide, produced by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), a network partner, describes challenges for CTE during the pandemic, examples of innovative practices that have emerged, and recommendations on how CTE leaders can embrace lessons learned and better prepare a postpandemic workforce.

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Measures, data, and counterfactuals: Approaches to improving research in CTE

If you missed our session at the American Educational Research Association 2021 Annual Meeting, the presentation slides are available to view and download online. Network members presented three papers on approaches to improving CTE impact studies, including improving data access and measures of exposure to CTE and outcomes.

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RESOURCES

Webinar recording: Framework for strengthening the career readiness data ecosystem

Data is a powerful tool. Advance CTE's webinar presents a data framework to help state leaders connect, coordinate, and report data to strengthen career readiness policy and practice.

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Practice guide: Designing and delivering career pathways at community colleges

A new WWC practice guide provides evidence-based recommendations for designing and delivering career pathways that improve the outcomes of community college students.

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EVENTS

June 15–16, 2021

Horizons
Virtual event

With a postpandemic recovery in sight, this virtual national summit, hosted by our network partner JFF, draws on lessons from the past year to envision a future rooted in equity and opportunity for all. The event is free and open to all.

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September 29–October 1, 2021

Best Practices and Innovations Conference
Austin, TX

Cohosted by network partner ACTE and the National Council of Local Administrators, this conference is the signature professional development event for secondary and postsecondary CTE administrators.

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SPOTLIGHT



Our network research teams, projects, and resources

Learn about our network research teams and the CTE policies and programs their studies are examining.

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Equitable delivery of career development through technologies

This brief from ACTE examines online and virtual career development tools through an equity lens.

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