

## **Programs of Study Overview**

The Division of College, Career, and Military Preparation has engaged members of the workforce, secondary education, and higher education to advise on the development of programs of study, including coherent sequences of courses, industry-based certifications, and work-based learning to ensure students are prepared for in-demand, high-skill, high-wage careers in Texas.

The proposed programs of study go into effect for the 2020-2021 school year and will allow Texas to meet the federal program approval requirements within the Strengthening CTE for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V).

#### Highlights of Programs of Study Initiative

- Include occupations that meet labor market criteria to include projected job growth, annual job openings, and the state median wage



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#### Programs of Study Definition

Perkins V describes a program of study as a coordinated, nonduplicative sequence of academic and technical content at the secondary and postsecondary level that:

Incorporates challenging state academic standards

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Aligns with the needs of industries in the state, regional, and/or local economy

Progresses in specificity, beginning with all aspects of industry and leading to more occupation specific instruction

Has multiple entry and exit points that incorporate credentialing

Culminates in the attainment of a recognized postseg31 Tc 0.001Tw 26054 0 Pl(t)-3 (r(s)-1.3 i2.5 (ill)10.6 (s3.)9



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