

Perkins Postsecondary Career & Technical Education



The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Program was established by the Community College Act of 1966. Perkins V: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act was signed into law on July 31, 2018 and became effective July 1, 2019.

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity–Workforce Development (LEO-WD) provides administrative oversight for the Perkins Postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program while the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education administers the Secondary (K-12) Perkins Career and Technical Education Program.

What is the goal of the postsecondary program?

The primary goal is to improve postsecondary CTE programs, which lead to the academic and technical skill competencies necessary for individuals to work in a technologically advanced society. Federal funds are allocated to:

- Provide technical assistance to develop new occupational programs.
- Improve career guidance and counseling activities.
- Upgrade skills and competencies of occupational education faculty and staff.
- Improve accountability measures.
- Improve the transition of students between secondary, community colleges, four-year educational institutions and the workplace.

How is the program administered?

This program is a partnership between the State of Michigan and community colleges and universities, offering two-year occupational degrees. The program provides resources and technical assistance to community colleges and universities receiving Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education annual awards in order to meet the occupational career goals of students and the needs of industry.

What benefits does the program provide?

The Perkins Postsecondary CTE program benefits students on many levels:

- Promotes and supports student access, retention and completion of a postsecondary career and technical education program.
- Prepares students to obtain a high-skill, high-wage, in-demand career.
- Prepares students for employment in current or emerging occupations requiring less than a bachelor's degree.

How is this program funded?

Funding is provided to the 28 community colleges, three (3) public universities and one (1) tribal college to improve career and technical education programs by supporting professional development, program improvement, curriculum development, evaluation/assessment and support services.

Where can you learn more about the Perkins program?

More information about the program is available on the Michigan Community College Network website, MichiganCC.net/Perkins.

PERKINS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Alpena Community College
Bay College
Bay Mills Community College
Delta College
Ferris State University
Glen Oaks Community College
Gogebic Community College
Grand Rapids Community College
Henry Ford College
Jackson College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Kellogg Community College
Kirtland Community College
Lake Michigan College
Lake Superior State University
Lansing Community College
Macomb Community College
Mid-Michigan College
Monroe County Community College
Montcalm Community College
Mott Community College
Muskegon Community College
North Central Michigan College
Northern Michigan University
Northwestern Michigan College
Oakland Community College
Schoolcraft College
Southwestern Michigan College
St. Clair County Community College
Washtenaw Community College
Wayne County Community College
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