

Career and Technical Education Postsecondary Credit Guide Overview

What is a Postsecondary Credit Agreement?

According to Perkins V legislation, a postsecondary credit agreement is a “formal agreement, such as an articulation agreement, among and between secondary and postsecondary education institutions or systems that grant students transcribed postsecondary credit, which may include credit granted to students in dual or concurrent enrollment programs or early college high school, dual credit, articulated credit, and credit granted on the basis of performance on technical or academic assessments.”

Postsecondary credit agreements seek to reduce remediation and duplication of coursework and ensure the smooth transfer of high school Career and Technical Education credits to college.

How To Use This Document:

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Postsecondary Credit Guide can be conducted by teachers, counselors, advisors, mentors, students, and families. CTE students can use this document to review potential postsecondary credit.

Teachers may be interested in completing this document as part of a classroom assignment. Teachers can have students search for available credit for their CTE credentials to encourage postsecondary attainment opportunities. The document can be populated with output to the Field ID to add individual student names and CTE programs. Individual school technology departments may be able to assist if this is desired.

How to Request Credit:

Students should request specific postsecondary/college credit from the individual college or university. It is recommended that the student connect with the high school CTE teacher or counselor for assistance or to visit the college’s transfer or records page for specific information and instructions. Students should contact the college or university with questions on credit transfer.

Why is not every college/university and CTE program listed?

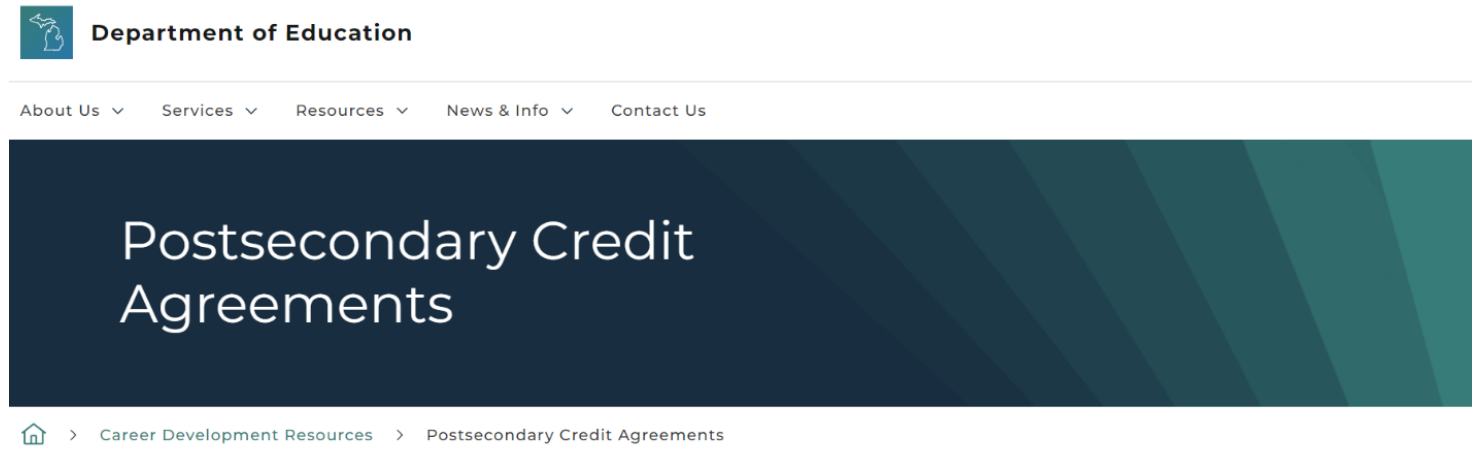
Not every college/university in Michigan has a statewide postsecondary credit agreement. Some postsecondary institutions have credit agreements with specific high schools, but not for the entirety of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) encourages all postsecondary institutions to create statewide credit agreements.

Why should students earn a credential?

- The Michigan economy is experiencing a skills gap:
 - 54% of jobs in Michigan require skills training. These are jobs that require more education than a high school diploma but less than a four-year degree.*
 - 48% of Michigan workers are trained at this level.*
- Research suggests that earning an industry-recognized credential can increase the earnings of low-income job seekers by more than \$10,000 over the first two years after enrollment in a training program.**
- Youth and adult learners in CTE programs are more engaged, graduate from high school at higher rates, earn industry-recognized credentials, and have rewarding and family-sustaining careers.*
- Students can take a three-credit hour course in high school and save an average of \$466.17.***

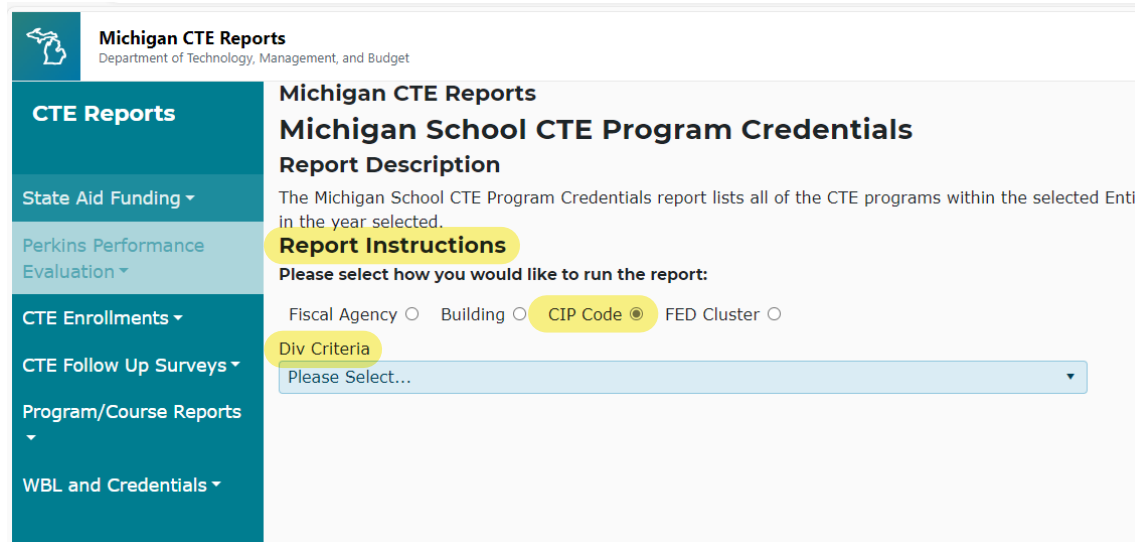
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1. [Explore potential Postsecondary Credit Agreement opportunities.](#)
 - a. Request credit for relevant courses using the appropriate college student application for postsecondary credit.

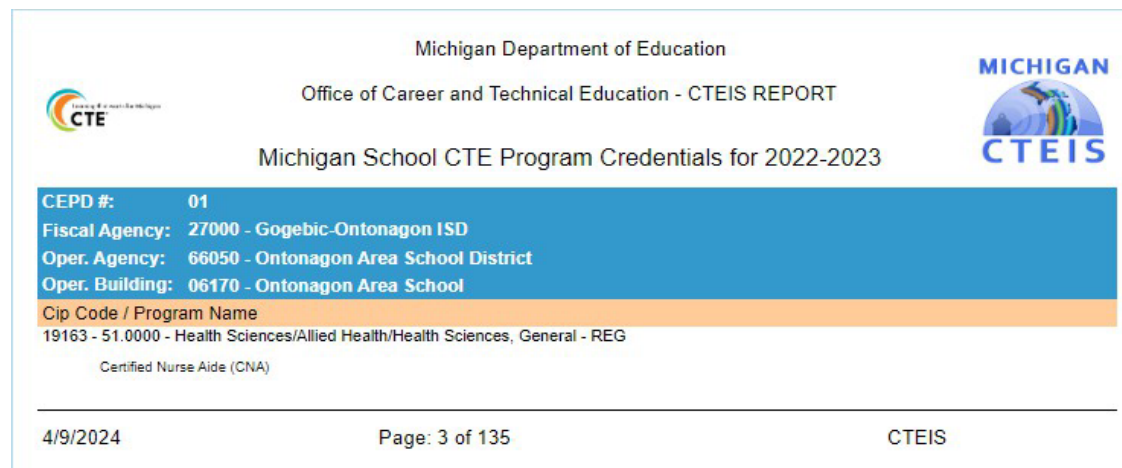


2. Explore the certifications offered at the high school by following these steps:
 - a. [Determine the Career Education Planning District \(CEPD\) the CTE program is a part of by locating student's county.](#)
 - b. [Determine the Classification of Instructional Program \(CIP\) Code for the student for each CTE program.](#)
 - i. If unsure which CIP Code matches the student's CTE program, ask the CTE teacher or school counselor for confirmation.

- c. [Search for certifications offered at the high school CTE program.](#)
 - i. Under Report Instructions, select CIP Code.
 - ii. Under Div Criteria, select specific CIP Code of interest.
 - iii. Run Report
 - iv. On the right side of the webpage, click the most recent school year.
 - v. Scroll to the CEPD number and find the building where CTE programs are located.
 - vi. Take note of which certifications are offered. List certifications in the table on the following page.



The screenshot shows the 'Michigan CTE Reports' web application. The left sidebar contains a menu with options: CTE Reports, State Aid Funding, Perkins Performance Evaluation, CTE Enrollments, CTE Follow Up Surveys, Program/Course Reports, and WBL and Credentials. The main content area is titled 'Michigan CTE Reports' and 'Michigan School CTE Program Credentials Report Description'. It includes a 'Report Instructions' section with radio buttons for 'Fiscal Agency', 'Building', 'CIP Code' (which is selected), and 'FED Cluster'. Below this is a 'Div Criteria' dropdown menu currently set to 'Please Select...'.

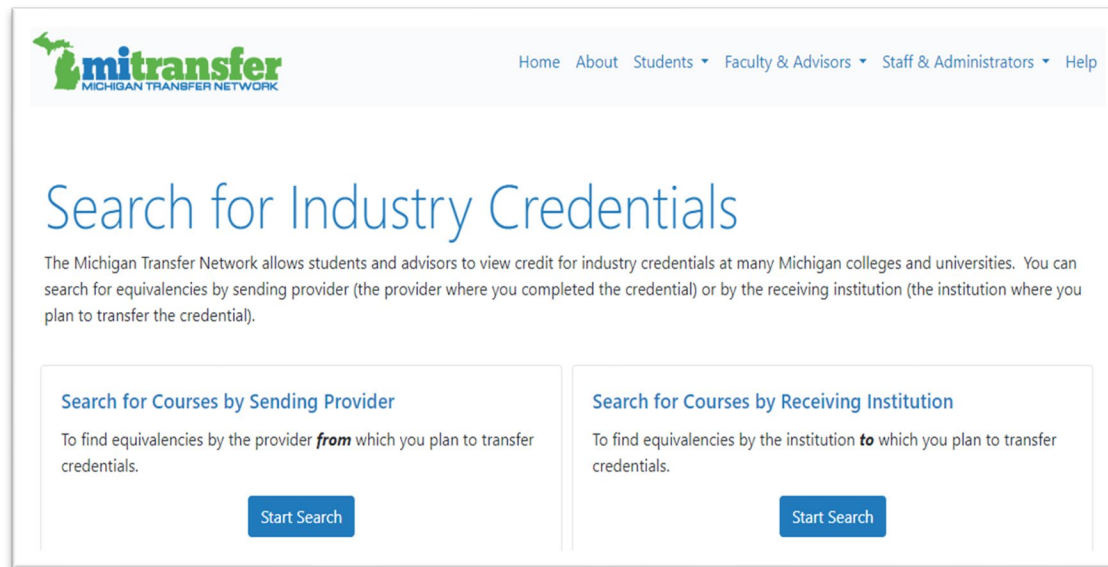


The screenshot shows a report titled 'Michigan School CTE Program Credentials for 2022-2023' from the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education. The report includes the following information:

CEPD #:	01
Fiscal Agency:	27000 - Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD
Oper. Agency:	66050 - Ontonagon Area School District
Oper. Building:	06170 - Ontonagon Area School
Cip Code / Program Name	19163 - 51.0000 - Health Sciences/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General - REG Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)

At the bottom of the page, the date is 4/9/2024, the page number is 3 of 135, and the report type is CTEIS.

3. [Search for additional credit for industry credentials.](#)



The screenshot shows the 'mitransfer' website interface. At the top left is the logo for 'mitransfer MICHIGAN TRANSFER NETWORK'. To the right is a navigation menu with links for 'Home', 'About', 'Students', 'Faculty & Advisors', 'Staff & Administrators', and 'Help'. The main heading is 'Search for Industry Credentials'. Below this is a paragraph explaining that the network allows students and advisors to view credit for industry credentials at many Michigan colleges and universities, and that users can search for equivalencies by sending provider or receiving institution. There are two search boxes: 'Search for Courses by Sending Provider' and 'Search for Courses by Receiving Institution'. Each box contains a brief instruction and a 'Start Search' button.

Footnote:

* [Michigan CTE Fact Sheet, April 2023, ACTE](#)

** [Education-to Workforce Indicator Framework, 2024, Mathematica](#)

*** [Based on the Michigan State Average of Community College Tuition & Fees Per Contact/Credit Hour from the MI House of Representatives Fiscal Agency](#)

Resources:

- [All credentials are offered by CTE programs in Michigan.](#) Note: Not every school offers every CTE credential listed.
- Definitions: [College Credit in High School](#)

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Student Name: _____ Graduation Year: _____ CEPD: _____

CTE Program(s): _____

CTE Program	CIP Code	Certification	Colleges/Universities Offering Credit for Credential	Available Postsecondary Credit

Next Steps:

College/Universities of Interest:

Scholarship/Extracurricular Opportunities: