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Program Name: Career Technical Education (CTE) Programs

Description: CTE training is provided in six different career sectors that include the building trade and construction sector, the energy and utilities sector, the finance and business sector, the public service sector, manufacturing and product development sector, and the transportation sector.

Each of the 19 CTE programs is aligned with a positive employment outlook within the State of California, providing an employment pathway to a livable wage. Each of the CTE programs is also aligned to industry recognized certification.

Many programs listed include green employment skills relevant to solar, geothermal and smart energy management practices. The CTE programs include: Construction Technology, Carpentry, Dry Wall, Masonry, Plumbing, Industrial Painting, Electrical Construction, Heating/Ventilation/Air-Conditioning/Refrigeration, Sheet Metal, Welding, Electronics/Network Cabling, Roofing, Auto Mechanics/Engine Service and Repair, Automotive Body Repair and Refinishing, and Small Engine Repair, Office Services and Related Technologies, Computer Literacy, Cosmetology, and Machine Shop.

Location(s): Each institution has its own specific set of CTE programs based on size, mission and available space appropriate for each particular program.

Length of Program: CTE programs utilize a stackable curriculum allowing each inmate/student to gain employment skills and enter a career pathway for the industry. This stackable approach to CTE training provides each inmate/student the ability to acquire very basic employment skills in a career pathway in as little as 3-6 months, or moderate-to-advanced skills in 6-24 months.

Enrollment: Any inmate may request participation in CTE programs.

Eligibility Requirements: There are no eligible requirements.

CDCR's Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) manages adult inmate and parolee rehabilitative programs. Its top priority is to provide rehabilitative programming and life skills to offenders in an effort to reduce their likelihood of reoffending after their release from prison. DRP is comprised of the Office of Offender Services (OS), the Office of Correctional Education (OCE), and the Office of Program Accountability and Support (OPAS).