



Each February, we celebrate the transformative impact of Career and Technical Education (CTE) on students' lives. As a proud partner of *Get There*, Florida's workforce education initiative, Florida Ready To Work is excited to join in the celebration of CTE Month. Together, Florida's CTE programs and Florida Ready to Work unlock potential and foster both personal and professional growth.

Florida has experienced record-breaking CTE enrollments, including over 800,000 K-12 career and technical education students, and 480,000 postsecondary CTE students—a remarkable 30% increase in postsecondary enrollments since Governor DeSantis took office.

Florida Ready to Work is a key component of a workforce education strategy. This innovative program provides foundational employability skills training in partnership with school districts, workforce systems, state colleges, technical centers, adult education, juvenile justice, corrections, employers, and other community-based partners statewide.

Florida Ready to Work Credentials are widely recognized as a common measure of foundational employability skill readiness for most jobs across various industry sectors. Utilizing Florida Ready to Work offers your students with the opportunity to earn up to three stackable credentials, providing them with additional opportunities beyond graduation from your program.

This CTE Month, let's celebrate the importance and opportunities of CTE. To learn more about Florida's workforce education initiative, visit [GetThereFL.com](https://www.gettherefl.com). For information on integrating Florida Ready to Work into your CTE strategy, [contact us!](#)

Attention Chromebook Users

Google retired their Chromebook Kiosk App technology at the end of 2024, therefore the current Chromebook lockdown browser **no longer works as of December 31, 2024**.

In response, we have released a new Chromebook Lockdown Browser Extension to be used on Chromebook devices for proctored assessments. If you currently use Chromebooks to proctor the Florida Ready to Work assessments, please visit the WIN Resource Center located within the Florida Ready to Work portal and follow these instructions:

- Click on 'WIN CRSysstem' in the top menu.
- Scroll down to 'Technology Verification' and select 'Click Here.'
- Click on 'Chromebook Lockdown Browser Instructions' for instructions on how to update your Chromebook Lockdown Browser to use the Extension.

If you have any questions or need assistance with updating your Chromebook Lockdown Browser, please contact at customerservice@floridareadytowork.com or 888-717-9461.

Get Involved in the Florida Chamber of Commerce Industry Immersion for Career Influencers!

The Florida Chamber Industry Immersion for Career Influencers seeks to build bridges among Florida businesses and K-12 educators, counselors, and postsecondary career advisors across the state to expand awareness of high-demand career opportunities, technical skills, and employability/soft skills needed in our evolving workforce. Career influencers will participate in virtual sessions with the Florida Chamber Foundation staff and Future of Work Advisory Board and ultimately visit area businesses for a hands-on look at high-demand industries in their local community. Career influencers become versed in the day-to-day work and skills needed for high-demand careers, bringing knowledge back to their classroom or organization to help empower the Future of Work. Click [here](#) to get involved for Summer 2025!

Contact Us

Need a review or additional training for your team? Want to brainstorm implementation ideas? Your Florida Ready to Work team is ready to help!

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| • Gadsden | • Liberty | • Washington |
| • Gulf | | |

We want to hear from you!

Your thoughts and feedback help us make things even better! We'd love for you to take a moment to share your experience with us by completing our [customer feedback survey](#).

Your feedback helps shape the future of the Florida Ready to Work program.



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