

# Career Equity Resource Center CERC

## About Us

The Career Equity Resource Center (CERC) resides in the New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Career Readiness. The center provides data-driven, research-based professional development and technical assistance to secondary schools and county colleges with career and technical education (CTE) programs.

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## Goals & Objectives

- Increase the awareness of CTE programs among parents, students, school districts and county college personnel as viable pathways to assist special population students to prepare for the 21st century workplace and the global economy.
  - Increase the recruitment, participation, and retention of special population students in high-quality CTE programs in order to broaden their options and opportunities and prepare them to secure high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand employment.
  - Decrease disproportionate enrollment and increase successful completion of special population students participating in CTE programs and programs of study.
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## Who Are Special Population Students?

- Students with disabilities
  - Students from economically disadvantaged families
  - Students with limited English proficiency
  - Students preparing for non-traditional careers
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## Service Delivery

The delivery of CERC services is a voluntary process that secondary schools and county colleges with CTE programs may wish to undertake to address specific equity issues or to develop comprehensive equity plans.

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