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Dear Career and Technical  
Education Student:

In Pennsylvania, our career and technical programs offer skill training that provides important job training opportunities for students seeking to enter the workforce or continue on to postsecondary education. These opportunities offer specialization in a field that can lead to a family sustaining career.

The Pennsylvania Skills Certificate recognizes students who are technically prepared for postsecondary education and high-skill, high-wage careers.

I urge you to do your best as you prepare to take this very important test at the end of your career and technical program. The Pennsylvania Skills Certificate will confirm your abilities to employers and show that you have the skills needed to succeed in the global 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Sincerely,



Tom Corbett  
Governor



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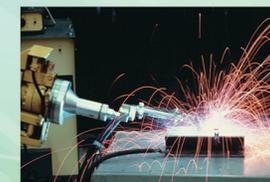
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Jobs in Pennsylvania and the world are becoming extremely competitive and highly technical. It is important that students excel in academic and technical skills that are required to be successful in their chosen career fields.

The Pennsylvania Skills Certificate was created by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to recognize career and technical education students who have shown advanced skill achievement in their technical programs.

To earn the Pennsylvania Skills Certificate, students must achieve at the advanced level on a NOCTI or other PDE-approved test. These tests consist of two parts – written and performance. The written test covers factual knowledge, technical information, and the understanding of academic principles and problem solving related to a technical field. The performance test allows students to demonstrate that they have the skills required to do the job. The tests are given at schools with local business and industry persons evaluating student performance. The tests provide students the opportunity to demonstrate that they have acquired the technical skills needed for entry level employment and postsecondary education.

The Pennsylvania Skills Certificate is one of the qualifying documents used to offer students advanced college credits with partnering postsecondary institutions through the Statewide Articulation Agreement. To learn more about this exciting opportunity, talk to your school counselor or visit – [www.education.state.pa.us](http://www.education.state.pa.us) (Search for SOAR Articulations)

## Career and Technical Education Areas Eligible for the Pennsylvania Skills Certificate . . .

- Accounting Technology
- Administrative Assistant
- Agricultural Mechanization
- Agricultural Productions Operations
- Applied Horticulture
- Architectural Drafting
- Arts, A/V Technology
- Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology
- Automotive Mechanics Technology
- Baking and Pastry Arts
- Building/Property Maintenance
- Business/Information/Computer Technology
- Cabinetmaking
- Carpentry
- Child Care and Support Services
- Cinematography and Film/Video Production
- Commercial and Advertising Art
- Computer Programming
- Computer Systems Networking
- Computer Technology
- Communications Technologies
- Construction Trades
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice
- Dental Assisting
- Drafting and Design Technology
- Electrical/Electronics Maintenance
- Electrical and Power Transmission Installers
- Electronic Technology
- Electromechanical Technology
- Engineering Technologies
- Forestry Technology
- Graphic Communications
- Health/Medical Assisting Services
- Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Technology
- Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technology
- Home Health Aide
- Homeland Security and Related Protective Services
- Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology
- Institutional Food Workers
- Job-Seeking/Changing Skills
- Logistics and Materials Management
- Machine Tool Technology
- Masonry
- Medical/Clinical Assistant
- Medium/Heavy Vehicle Technology
- Nursing Assistant/Aide
- Precision Metal Working
- Plumbing Technology
- Precision Metal Working
- Sales, Distribution and Marketing Operations
- Tourism and Travel Services
- Veterinary/Animal Health Technology
- Web Page, Digital/Multimedia Design
- Welding Technology

