

# WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT, B.S.

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Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus

**End Campus:** University Park

## Career Paths

WFED graduates pursue careers as career and technical education (CTE) teachers, instructional trainers, workforce development specialists, and program administrators across a range of settings. Graduates work in secondary and postsecondary education, apprenticeship and cooperative education programs, technical and community colleges, and other career-focused educational environments.

## Careers

In business and industry, WFED graduates support workforce readiness, employee training, talent development, safety, and continuous improvement, helping organizations adapt to evolving technologies, equipment, and work processes.

Graduates of the WFED program pursue roles such as:

- Career and Technical Education teachers
- Professional trainers and instructional facilitators
- Workforce development specialists
- Talent development staff
- Safety and compliance coordinators
- Training and development managers

## Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Penn State's Workforce Education and Development program offers certificate programs as well as graduate degree programs leading to master's of education (M.Ed.) and master's of science (M.S.) degrees. Students interested in these programs leading to the master's degree in Workforce Education and Development should be employed, or wish to be employed, as faculty members, trainers, administrators, or researchers in settings emphasizing education for work in private sector firms, schools, occupational home economics, cooperative education, youth apprenticeship, or employment and training. The Pennsylvania State University Workforce Education and Development program offers a graduate degree program leading to degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). Students interested in this program should be employed in or aspire to be employed as faculty, trainers, administrators, or researchers in education-for-work settings such as business, industry, health fields, and occupational home economics.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (<https://ed.psu.edu/academics/departments/department-learning-and-performance-systems/workforce-education-and-development>)

## Professional Resources

- Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) (<https://www.acteonline.org/>)

- Association for Career and Technical Education Research (<https://www.acteronline.org/>)