

WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT, B.S.

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

Program Description

This major leads to the B.S. degree and may also lead to certification as a career and technical education teacher, and/or a coordinator of cooperative education, provided other requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Education are met. The Industrial Training option does not lead to teacher certification.

To be certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as a career and technical education teacher, a person must have sufficient employment experience beyond the learning period to establish competency in the occupation to be taught. Further interpretation of this requirement may be secured by contacting the Department of Learning and Performance Systems. (See also Teacher Education Programs (<https://ed.psu.edu/academics/teacher-testing-certification>).)

What is Workforce Education and Development?

Workforce Education and Development (WFED) at Penn State is a nationally and internationally recognized program for people interested in teaching within career and technical education or professional training and talent development programs. Our program prepares individuals to teach in public and private secondary and postsecondary educational institutions or training programs in business, industry, and manufacturing.

The Industrial Education option is for people wanting to pursue a Pennsylvania Department of Education Certification and a B.S. degree to teach career and technical education.

The Occupational Home Economics option is for people wanting to pursue a B.S. degree to teach family and consumer sciences.

The Health Occupations option is for people wanting to pursue Pennsylvania Department of Education Certification and a B.S. degree to teach in healthcare professions.

The Industrial Training option is for people wanting to pursue a B.S. degree to teach or provide professional training within business, industry or manufacturing.

You Might Like This Program If...

You participated in career and technical education courses or programs in the past. If you have an interest in technology, technical applications and teaching, this program may be a good fit for you. A Workforce Education and Development degree is for people who have an interest in teaching in technical programs including, but not limited to: automotive technology, carpentry, computer programming, culinary arts, electronics technology, graphic arts, healthcare professions and HVAC.