### STATE-RECOGNIZED PROGRAMS OF STUDY

There are seven minimum criteria that must be met for identification as a State-Recognized Program of Study:

1. Course standards accurately align to the academic, technical, and employability skills learners must master for entry and success in a given career pathway.
2. Program of Study incorporates active involvement from an integrated network of partners.
3. Secondary program(s) meets MDE program approval requirements and incorporate courses that lead to postsecondary credits/credentials.
4. Postsecondary academic program meets Minnesota State board policy and Higher Learning Commission requirements.
5. Materials, Equipment and Resources used in the program reflect current workplace, industry, and/or occupational standards.
6. Incorporates authentic work experiences at the secondary and/or postsecondary level that are valued by industry.
7. Program of Study development, improvement and advocacy are supported by findings from a comprehensive local needs assessment.

### RESOURCE LINKS:

- [MN Dept. of Ed–CTE](#)
- [Minnesota State–CTE](#)
- [MN Dept. of Ed–Program Approval](#)
- [Minnesota State–CareerWise](#)
- [Maps of Approved Secondary Programs](#)
- [Minnesota State–Consortia Resources](#)