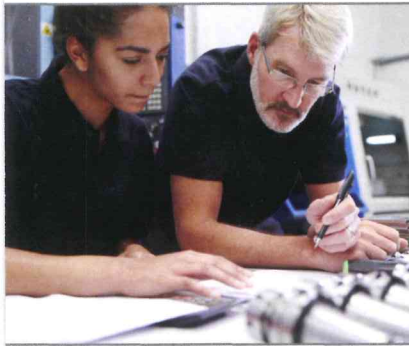




# CareerWise Colorado

Tomorrow's Talent Today



## A statewide youth apprenticeship system

An innovative vision is transforming how students experience high school and prepare for success in college and careers. CareerWise Colorado is developing pathways for youth to access high-demand, high-paying jobs by creating partnerships between businesses, policy makers, education experts and school districts.

## Reaching 20,000 Colorado youth

In the 2017-18 pilot year, over 2,500 high school students will receive career-readiness training. 250 students from across the state will spend up to half of their time on the job as apprentices while still earning credit toward high school graduation and post-secondary credentials.

An additional year of apprenticeship after graduation will give students the experience they need to seamlessly enter the workforce or continue their education prepared for success in school and in the labor market, with the added benefit of college credits and wages earned along the way. Within ten years, CareerWise will expand to 20,000 student apprentices – or about 10 percent of all high school juniors and seniors in Colorado.



"Our current system of career and technical education and middle skills training will not sustain the needs of our business. We are facing a crisis when it comes to finding and developing skilled talent."

~ Jon Kinning, COO | EVP  
RK Mechanical

## Pathways to high-growth, high-paying jobs

Apprentices will work with leading Colorado companies in one of four pathways:

- **Advanced manufacturing**
- **Business operations**
- **Financial services**
- **Information technology**

Additional pathways will be added as the program expands.



## An innovative solution to a challenging problem

Fewer than 25 percent of students who enter ninth grade in Colorado will earn an on-time college degree or post-secondary credential. But many high school graduates who want to go straight to work struggle to find jobs that pay a decent wage. CareerWise Colorado will offer these students an alternative path to the middle class, breaking down financial barriers, while students who choose to pursue a four-year degree or beyond will receive valuable workplace experience.



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