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Arizona Pathways to Prosperity, led by the Center for the Future of Arizona (CFA), is creating seamless educational, training and credentialing opportunities for students that are aligned with industry needs in high-demand, high-growth industry sectors. Arizona is part of the national Pathways to Prosperity Network — a collaboration of Jobs for the Future, the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and member states and regions — which is committed to building systems of college and career pathways. Informed by industry and in partnership with educational institutions, the pathways create new opportunities for young people, provide employers with a talent pipeline of young professionals, and strengthen state and regional economies.

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Education and Industry Collaboration

CFA brings together high schools, higher education and businesses in key industries to work collaboratively to design college and career pathways, which enable more young people to earn degrees and credentials with labor market value.

Industry

- Adv. Manufacturing
- Energy
- Health / Bioscience
- Information Technologies

High Schools

- Degrees
- Certificates
- Credentials

Higher Education

- Industry-Aligned College Credit Programs

68% Percentage of jobs in Arizona requiring postsecondary education by 2020

53% Percent of Arizona high school graduates who enrolled in postsecondary education the semester after graduating from high school

43% Percent of Arizona residents 25-64 years of age who have completed a 2- or 4-year degree or received a postsecondary certificate
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Arizona Industry Sectors
CFA is developing multiple pathways initially in the Phoenix and Tucson labor markets by targeting four high-demand, high-growth industry sectors. These sectors provide a platform for long-term career development for young people with a two-year degree or more:
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Energy
- Health / Bioscience
- Information Technologies

Student Impact
Arizona Pathways to Prosperity brings together early career literacy, the integration of high school and postsecondary education, and work-based learning opportunities to create seamless pathways to future careers with strong earning potential. These pathways enable students to discover and connect to future careers equipping them with the skills, experiences and credentials necessary to prepare them for the 21st century workforce.

Learn more about strengthening Arizona’s talent pipeline:
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