

CTE Perkins Special Populations

Population	How Perkins V addresses them.
Individuals with disabilities	Anyone with a physical, mental or psychological impairment that is covered through the Americans with Disabilities Act.
	PhysicalMentalPsychological
	The law is written broadly to be inclusive of many types of disabilities that impact one's way of life. Experts claim that this definition should be initiated liberally to ensure the intent of the law protects those that are most vulnerable in society.
Economically disadvantaged families (including low-income youth and adults)	U.S. Department of Education - Federal income rates
	As educators we don't ask about people's income, so it is important that we understand that CTE dollars focus on these individuals broadly through programs, recruitment and other means directly and indirectly that impact schools.
Individuals preparing for nontraditional fields	Nontraditional fields refers to occupations or fields of work for which individuals from one gender comprise less than 25% of the individuals employed in each such occupation or field of work.
	Illinois State University - What is a non traditional field?
Single parents, including single pregnant women	Any parent who is the single primary caregiver to youth, or any woman who is pregnant and not legally married.
Out-of-workforce individuals	Any person who is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.
	(Not necessarily applicable in secondary settings)



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Homeless individuals	A homeless person is an individual without permanent housing who may live on the streets; stay in a shelter, mission, single room occupancy facilities, abandoned building or vehicle; or in any other unstable or non-permanent situation. [Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C., 254b)]
	 Shelter Street Friends or alternative family member living Drug addiction/psychological or medical treatment facility
Foster care system (those currently in or who have aged out)	Any student who is in foster care, aged out of foster care, or is a ward of the state of Illinois.
Military families (students)	Any student who has an immediate parent or guardian serving on active duty in the U.S. military.
Individuals with Barriers (including ESL students)	Any student that has significant social barriers or is on a list of populations of barriers. This includes students with language barriers under ESL instruction, Native American populations, migrants, or students who have been institutionalized in the Juvenile Justice system.
	Wisconsin List of Barriers